

rebel troops at Chancellorsville day before yesterday.

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1862.

Announcements this Evening.

WALLACE'S—THE JACQUES WIFE.
WINTER GARDEN—ROBERT III.
WILSON'S GARDEN—CAMILLE; OR, THE FATE OF A CO-
QUET.
IRVING HALL—GOTTSCHE'S CONCERTS.
GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—No. 435 Broadway—THE
FESTIVAL OF LUXEMBOURG.
BARNUM'S MUSEUM—BRILLIANTLY COLORED TROPICAL
FISH, AND OTHER CURIOUSITIES, AT ALL HOURS—FANTASTIC
ON UNDER THE SHOW, AFTERNOON AND EVENING.
GEORGE CHIRSHY'S MINSTRELS—HALL OF MIN-
STRELS—No. 55 Broadway—TARIFF WITH JAPAN.
HOPE CHAPEL—TIBBELL'S CALIFORNIA.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Whatever may be the present position of the main body of the rebel army under LEE—and the opinion of Gen. McClellan's headquarters still is that it is in the vicinity of Winchester—there is no doubt that our army is steadily pushing forward into Virginia. BURNING was yesterday at Purcellville. The forces under Gens. FRANK and SHERIDAN left Harper's Ferry yesterday morning, and crossed the Shenandoah Bridge. SUMNER's corps also moved through the Blue Mountain and Short Hills, to form a junction with BURKE. Nearly all the troops have moved from the Loudoun and Maryland Heights, though Gen. GARY's command is for the present to remain on Bull Run Heights as a guard. A reconnaissance from Harper's Ferry found the enemy in heavy force at Charlestown, and another from Purcellville discovered them near Paris and Upperville, said to be under LONESTAR, and Snicker's Gap was strongly defended by them. LEE is positively said to be still at Winchester, and a battle is looked for at any moment.

The correspondent of the Philadelphia Press writes from Harper's Ferry under date of Oct. 30: "The Army of the Potomac will in future consist of three grand armies, nine corps, thirty divisions, seventy brigades. The first grand army will consist of the corps d'armée of Maj.-Gen. RYNDOLPH, (late HOOKER), FITZ-JOHN PORTER and W. B. FRANKLIN, and will be commanded by the senior Major-General, JOSEPH HOOKER. The second army will consist of the corps d'armée of Maj.-Gens. COUCH, (late SUMNER), O. G. WILCOX, (late BURNING), SLOCUM, (late BANKS), and will be commanded by senior Maj.-Gen. AMBROSE EVERETT BURKE. The third grand army will consist of the corps d'armée of Maj.-Gens. COX and two others now organized, and to whom permanent commanders have not yet been assigned by the President. This army will be commanded by senior Maj.-Gen. EDWIN V. SUMNER. The rebel army in Northern Virginia is composed of two grand armies, under Lieut.-Gens. JACKSON and LONESTAR, consisting of four corps d'armée, of twelve brigades each, with artillery. The rebel cavalry arm forms a division, under command of Maj.-Gen. STUART, who makes any detail for, or executes any order from Gen. LEE, and is entirely under the control of the Commanding General, his cavalry being an independent organization."

The Washington Republican of Thursday says: "A gentleman who left Richmond about a week ago, and who had, while there, opportunity of free intercourse with leading rebels, informs us that it was their avowed policy to avoid any further serious fighting on the line of the Potomac, and to draw our forces into their interior by retreats. This is confirmed by the retirement of Gen. LEE from the Upper Potomac. They pursued the same line of tactics when Gen. McClellan landed at Fortress Monroe last Spring, drawing him back until he came within sight of Richmond, and then pouncing upon him just at the right moment, after his army had been sufficiently reduced by the waste of a Summer's campaign in a sickly region. The rebels now feel that they must postpone battles upon a great scale, until the 'six hundred thousand more,' who have responded to the last two calls of the President, are reduced to about half that number by winter marches and exposure. The rebels know how to retreat as well as how to fight, and until there is more vigor in pursuit manifested by our Generals, it is no difficult matter to get away from them."

We learn from the Columbus (Ga.) Times, of the 11th ult., that Gen. BUTLER, with 7,000 men, had landed at Pensacola, and was expected to advance to the junction of the Mobile, Montgomery and Pensacola Railroads. It will be recalled that Gen. BUTLER has recently visited Pensacola, and there may be some truth in this report.

The ship *Alleghanian*, of this City, was partially destroyed by the rebels on Tuesday night, in Chesapeake Bay, near the Virginia shore. She was bound from Baltimore to London, and had anchored to await the subsidence of the storm, which commenced on Sunday last. The rebels came from the mouth of the Planktank River in boats, boarded her, took the Captain and a part of the crew prisoners, and set the vessel on fire. The fire was extinguished, however, by a boat's crew from a mortar schooner some distance off, from which the fire was discovered.

Rear-Admiral D. D. PORTER has issued orders that "any vessel that may be fired on by guerrillas, or other persons, will do all damage in her power to the vicinity from which she was attacked, in order to repress the outrageous practice of guerrilla warfare. After the 25th of October, all vessels found landing cargoes at any point below Cairo, or at any point between Cairo and Louisville, except at places specified in Collectors' Permits, or by permission of the naval commanding officer, or at places occupied by United States troops, shall be brought to Cairo, and be detained until the matter is investigated."

The corps d'armée of Gens. CRITTENDEN and MCCOOK were expected to arrive at Columbus, Ky., on Oct. 28, en route for Nashville. Gen. GILBERT's corps will remain in Kentucky for the present.

GENERAL NEWS.

A grand Union demonstration was held last evening at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. The house was crowded to overflowing, and outside meetings were organized for the benefit of those who were unable to gain admittance to the building. Mr. TRIMM made one of his most able, argumentative and eloquent appeals in behalf of the Union. Rev. Dr. Fox and others also addressed the meeting.

The German Union men of New-York made a glorious display of strength last evening at the Cooper Institute. Prof. FRANCIS LIEBER, of the Inland College, presided, assisted by one hundred and seventy Vice-Presidents and eighty Secretaries, comprising some of the most eminent German names in the country. Able addresses were made by Gen. Wadsworth, Prof. Reinhold Solger, Wail von Gernebach, Capt. R. W. Raymond, and Dr. Rudolph Dulon. A series of patriotic resolutions were passed, and the emancipation policy of the President and the Union ticket were indorsed with unbounded enthusiasm. Many ladies were present, and a fine fire club sang, during the evening, patriotic airs composed for the occasion. At least five thousand persons filled the hall.

and all seemed animated by one hearty Union sentiment. GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN delivered a speech last evening to a quite full house at the Academy of Music. His subjects, as stated by himself, were England, Ireland and America. The address was in fact, an argument for BURNING and the stoppage of the cotton trade. Mr. CLAY was present, introduced Mr. TRAIN, and spoke briefly himself. There were many interruptions, of a kind indicating great miscellaneity of political sentiments in the audience.

A Seymourite mass meeting was held in Williamsburgh, last evening, corner South Seventh and Fourth streets. The speakers were Eli P. NORTON, of New-York; J. M. McKENZIE, J. C. BROWN, EDMUND DRIGGS, C. C. Egan, and others of Brooklyn. A considerable fracas occurred at the meeting, and the whole thing was a fizzle, though the meeting had been announced for some days past by a loud flourish of trumpets. By the arrival of the brig *Queen Victoria*, Capt. HITCH, we have advices from St. Vincent to Oct. 15. We are informed by Capt. HITCH that a few days previous to his sailing, the negro laborers on the island had risen against the proprietors and managers of estates, burning their houses, ill-treating them and their families, and in one instance killing an overseer. There being no troops there at the time, the white population were compelled to turn out en masse, when they succeeded, after killing seven of the rioters and taking some 150 prisoners, in quelling the disturbance for the time. The cause of the trouble was supposed to be that the owners and managers of the estates on the island were about to cut down the trees which the above named man-of-war and troops have arrived from Trinidad, and everything was quiet.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The name of HENRY A. HURLEY was submitted for Street Commissioner. Mr. ORTIZ spoke very favorably of the nomination. Mr. HURLEY had heard that Mayor McClellan had nominated without obtaining the consent of the parties named. The nomination was rejected by 9 to 3. Then the name of WILLIAM P. ESTERHROOK was read, for Assistant Commissioner of the Croton Aqueduct—the first nomination made to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Mr. TAPPEN. By 8 to 4 it was referred to a special committee, and the President appointed Messrs. WALSH, JEREMIAH and ALLEN. Mr. ORTIZ offered a resolution calling upon the Supervisors to order for the removal of the number of men employed under him, and the particular work on which each man is engaged. Mr. FROMENT thought it was designed to reflect upon the Street Department, rumors of which in which a committee were some time ago appointed to investigate the matter, but so far had failed to report or to report upon the subject. The resolution ought to go to that committee, or be laid over to a Street Commissioner is appointed. Mr. DAYTON wished to know what "work" meant under the supervision of the Street Commissioner. He was told that the Board engaged in what passed as "work," but which really was play. The resolution was adopted, and also another, by Mr. SMITH, asking the Comptroller for a statement of the condition of the appropriation for roads. The Councilman's Fractional Currency Ordinance was taken up, and referred, and the Board adjourned till 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The Board of Supervisors met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A petition was received from the laborers employed on the new Court-house for an increase of wages. Mr. TWEED said the men now received only 80 cents per day, but thought they ought to have at least \$1. Mr. PERCY stated that, owing to the adverse position of the Mayor respecting payments for the work, because of the failure of this Board to fill the vacant Commission, the men had to be paid in scrip, which they were obliged to part with at a heavy discount for cash. He thought they ought to be paid \$1.25 per day. A copy of the petition was ordered to be sent to the City Hall Commissioners, with the request that the laborers be paid such wages as private persons would pay for their services. A number of resignations of Inspectors and Canvasers of Election were accepted, and the vacancies filled. The list of polling places were ordered to be published in the Times and several other newspapers on Monday and Tuesday next. The Board adjourned till 10 o'clock on Monday.

Gen. BANKS, accompanied by Gen. WADSWORTH, quitted yesterday the Produce Exchange shortly after noon yesterday, and met with a most cordial reception from the Produce merchants.

The cargo of the prize steamer *Lodona*, consisting chiefly of wines and liquors, was sold at auction in Philadelphia on Thursday, and brought fair prices.

The iron-clad steamer to be built at the Philadelphia Navy-yard, for laying the keel of which are now being made, is to have a shield of five inches in thickness, composed of plates not less than one inch thick. The deck plating is to be in two thicknesses of three-quarters of an inch each, making it an inch and a half thick. This will be a full half-inch thicker than the deck of the *New Ironsides*. The keel of the new steamer are to be twenty-one feet in diameter and eleven inches in thickness. Like the side plating the towers are to be composed of plates one inch in thickness. The steamer is also to have an impenetrable iron armor, which is to be six inches in thickness, about four feet in diameter, and eight feet high above the deck. On one of the turrets is to be a pilot-house, constructed in a manner similar to those now being put on the steamers of the *Monitor* pattern.

The steamship *Ericsson*, LOWMEYER, will sail from Pier 4, North River, on Sunday morning. She is going out under sealed orders. The steamship *Bio Bio* will leave Pier No. 13 North River, Saturday noon, for Key West and Havana.

The steam-transport *Haze* arrived yesterday morning, from Newbern, N. C., in charge of Capt. I. FRANCIS SWEET, U. S. A., and a navy crew of the former captain, (CLIFF), first and second officers, second engineer, and steward, and having been arrested in Newbern. She was delivered to the Quartermaster.

It is understood that the Government will order a different and much better paper for the postal currency, as that now in use is found to be totally inadequate for the purpose.

Lieut.-Col. MARSHALL has captured 150 Indians, including 30 warriors, ten miles west of Big Sioux, Minnesota. He has taken them to Fort SIBLEY's camp.

The Public Funds of the United States were again in good demand yesterday at advancing rates. Large sales of the 6 per cent. of 1867 were made at 104 1/2 cent. The Italy 5 per cent. was improved 1/2 cent., and left off firm. Gold fell to 129 1/2 @ 129 1/4, and subsequently recovered to 129 1/2 @ 130, against 130 1/2 @ 130 1/4 on Thursday afternoon. Exchange on London 14 1/2 @ 14 1/4.

Bradstreet's were less active yesterday. Flour and wheat were decidedly lower. Cotton was pretty brisk and buoyant. Sugar, Coffee, Hay, Hops, Candles, Sugar, Copper, Hides, Leather, Gunny Bags, Jute Hemp, Oils, Tallow, Tobacco and Whisky were in fair demand. Pork was more freely dealt in, but was cheaper. Bacon and Lard were less sought after. Beef was in moderate request, as were also Fish, Fruit, Laths, Seeds, Spices, and Oolong Tea. The freight market was very quiet.

THE CONGRESSIONAL CONTEXT IN NEW-JERSEY.—The Fifth District of New-Jersey is sufficiently near neighbor of New-York to justify a special interest in its political tendencies, and action. The vast manufacturing interest of the City of Newark ramifies throughout our own commercial system, and has involved itself so closely with the framework of the national prosperity that when the crash of the rebellion came upon us there were many "lukewarm in the faith" and doubtful of the popular heart, who expected to see material instincts override the impulses of patriotism in that important section of our sister State. These skeptics were disappointed. The Fifth District has done its duty nobly in the field, and it now proposes to do its duty in the council-chamber as nobly. The Republicans of that District have nominated as their candidate for Congress Mr. JOSEPH P. BRADLEY, a lawyer of proved ability, and a citizen of recognized character, a patriot and not a partisan, a man who stood for compromise against the claim-

ors of fanaticism while compromise was still compatible with honor, and who stands to-day for declivity war against the cabala of national infidelity, when declivity war alone can open to us the pathway of a lasting and of a glorious peace. We have already expressed our deep sense of the importance of the pending Congressional elections. It is not possible to exaggerate their importance. Partisan considerations are worse than insignificant in the presence of the tremendous issues which the next Congress of the United States will be summoned to confront. Never before in the history of America was it so vitally important to every man of us that the nation should be represented in its Legislature by honesty, ability and unquestionable love of country as now. These qualifications Mr. BRADLEY has shown himself to possess in public and in private life. Were he a Democrat they would entitle him to the votes of the reflecting among his political opponents. Being a Republican, they must induce even reflecting Democrats to insist upon it that the national interests of the Fifth New Jersey District shall be lodged in no hands less competent than his own.

The Close of the Canvass.

There is then a prospect of a mighty vote in city and country next Tuesday. The people are at last finally aroused to the real character of the issue. The brief period of earnest discussion has ventilated the field wonderfully. The dust and the smoke which the Seymourite leaders early contrived to raise has been dispelled, and the real principles and aims of these men now stand out in clear relief. It has been made perfectly evident that these leaders mean to weaken and paralyze the arm of the President—that they seek to distract and divide the loyal sentiment of the North—that they desire to convince foreign nations that there is not spirit enough left here to oppose intervention—that they purpose to make all things bend to the one sole consummation of a speedy peace—that they will give or take any terms, and that the whole practical result of their policy must be the yielding to the rebels of everything they have struggled for, and the making them entire masters of the situation. The demagogues themselves have discovered that it is useless for them to try to hide their real motives longer. They have dropped all their first clap-trap about the more vigorous prosecution of the war, and now do not stick at proclaiming that the sooner it is abandoned the better. They have devoted their later labors particularly to fixing the responsibility of the existence of the war upon the Abolitionists, and to maintaining that the war is only continued to realize the ends of the Abolitionists. There can hardly be a doubt that, if the canvass were continued a month longer, these leaders would come square up to the Beauregard mark, and not only denounce the war as an Abolition war, but denounce as Abolitionists every officer and soldier engaged in it. That audacity would be but the natural climax of their present outgivings.

Though the time, perhaps, has not yet fully come for all these leaders to declare themselves the positive enemies of the war, it is certain that the effective support of the war is the actual question before the people. The Empire State is in reality to pronounce whether the war should be persevered in until its full consummation is reached in the complete reestablishment of National authority, or whether it is to be given over as a miserable failure. If we are now to embrace the policy of HORATIO SEYMOUR, and those who have been his chief spokesmen, we had far better never have embarked in this war at all. It would have been superlative wisdom to have adopted the Tweddle Hall programme of no coercion, at the time it was originally put forth—feared and ignoble as it was then deemed—rather than to ground arms and creep round to it now. In the one way we should have lost the Union indeed, but should have saved blood, treasure, and, in some respects, perhaps, our rank and dignity as a people ready to make any sacrifice to avoid fraternal strife. In the other, we not only lose the Union, but all the blood and all the treasure we have expended will have gone for naught, and we must submit to the humiliation of defeat, and for all time bear the yoke of established inferiority. It would have been invincibly better that we should have never undertaken to overcome the rebellion, than to sink before it now discouraged and submissive.

We cannot believe that New-York will thus abandon all further struggle for the Union, or give herself up to the control of those who are believed to have that purpose at heart. No State has, in time past, derived such immense advantages from the Union. It was this Union, and nothing else, that made her the Empire State what she is. Without it, all her unequalled commercial advantages would have been of comparatively little avail. If the rebellion shall succeed, it will be absolutely impossible for New-York to retain her rank and prosperity; for the insecurity and general disorganization that will ensue, must bear with especial injury upon trade and commerce. Agriculture, and even manufactures, may live and thrive amid civil confusion, but commerce cannot. We are bound by every consideration of interest, as well as of patriotism, to stand last by the Government in its endeavor to overcome this deadly rebellion. There never has been, and never will be, a more urgent occasion for the faithful discharge of this duty than the election of next Tuesday.

GEN. WADSWORTH'S SPEECH.—It is not too much to say that the presence of Gen. JAMES S. WADSWORTH, at the great meeting night before last, has most powerfully contributed to his success in the canvass. He exhibited a noble eloquence in speech and a majesty of thought that the people generally have not given him credit for. There is, indeed, a

vividness in his perceptions, and a contagious enthusiasm in the delivery of his sentiments, that mark him as belonging to the highest class of popular orators. That he is earnest, able and eloquent, as well as patriotic and self-sacrificing in his devotion to the Union, are facts that will make the people of New-York anxious to have Gen. Wadsworth for their Governor.

Go in Peace.

Prince JOHN VAN BUREN, the blasé political chief of SEYMOUR's staff, speaking for one who hopes to be the legal commander of the militia of the great State of New-York, publicly advises the people to let the rebels go in peace. Thus, to use the phrase of Mr. GLAISTON, would JEFFERSON DAVIS create a nation. But, that nation once created and acknowledged, what peace would there henceforth be for the remaining United States? The millennium has not yet come, the lion and the lamb do not yet lie down together, as the navies and armies of all civilized nations attest. The hollow voice of a worn-out political comedian, like the heir of Lindenwald, is not likely to exorcise the spirit of war from SEYMOUR's dear Southern friends.

No delusion could be more fatal than that letting the rebels go in peace would cause the disbanding of armies and the cessation of war expenses. The beginning of a new nation at the South would be the beginning of a great standing army for us. The contiguity of nations compels them to arm for self-defense. If this country is divided into two nations, war will be the chronic state of both. Each will keep half a million of men under arms, for the same reason that France and Austria keep themselves in perpetual readiness for war. To let the rebels go in peace, in order to avoid conscription and taxation, would be to incur a never-ending liability to draft, and a ceaseless drain on the country's resources. Such a cry of peace, where there is no peace, only brings to the mind of a thoughtful man sure visions of a fortified frontier, a great navy, and an immense standing army that, sooner or later, would bring a military despotism in its train.

It would be just as safe to listen to a call from the arch-fiend to repentance, as to listen to a call of peace from a sympathizer with secession. In this work of overthrowing the enemies of the Republic, whoever is not for us is against us. The only possible peace is in a vigorous and successful prosecution of the war. Peace is to be reached by conquering the rebels, not by letting them go. To let them go in peace, is just as inherently false as to cool yourself in fire. So, not only honor, liberty and country are involved in the struggle, but peace itself.

Freemen of the proud State of New-York! this cry to you of peace is a delusion and a snare. It is nothing less than an enemy's device. Those who raise the cry may be themselves deceived, instead of deceivers. No matter; the fatal consequences will be the same. By supporting men for high and controlling offices who cry peace where there is no peace, you will not only imperil civil liberty and your country, but will subject yourselves to the danger of perpetual military service, and to taxation renewed without end. Look at Europe, divided into hostile nations, and see what your condition will be if you let the rebels go in peace.

SEYMOURITE FREE SPEECH.—The Seymourites have held numerous meetings in this City and vicinity during the past month, and in no single instance have they been interrupted by any of the adherents of the Union and Wadsworth, though the speeches of their orators have abounded in topics and the language of irritation. None of the Seymourite journals have as yet recorded an instance of any attempt to molest their gatherings, on the part of the Union Republican War party; and we all know that the least effort in that direction would have been recorded and immensely magnified by every journal in the interest of the Submissionists. So much for the fair-dealing policy which actuates the Union party. But how stands the case on the other side? On Thursday evening last, small gangs of Seymourites stationed themselves in front of outside stands at the Cooper Institute, and showed their love for "free speech" (which they have made one of their party shibboleths to trap the unwary), by continual insults and interruptions during the addresses of our orators. Not content with this, their principal organ, the *World*, informs us that these ardent advocates of unrestricted freedom of debate, cast missiles at the speakers on stand No. 2, and that "while the missiles were being forwarded," (we quote from the *World's* report,) "several gentlemen obsequiously bowed their heads, and thus escaped injury." On Wednesday evening of last week, at the meeting of Republican Unionists, corner of Forty-seventh-street and Broadway, called to ratify the nomination of Col. McClellan Murray for Congress, the same class of "patriots" caused such great confusion that the speaking was, for a time, necessarily suspended; and at the meeting on Wednesday last, a squad of police had to be in attendance to prevent similar disgraceful proceedings. The Times of yesterday records a like outrage attempted in the Twelfth Ward of Brooklyn. We desire to make no comment on these matters, but merely to ask every honest voter the question, "Which party has, by its acts, proved itself the advocate of free speech?"

NO AID AND COMFORT.—The malcontent "People's Party" of Massachusetts, are in desperate straits for the want of candidates who will stand their support. Their nominees turn upon them as soon as they are set up. Another instance has just occurred in the Sixth District. ADOLPHUS GAGE, whom those mischief-makers nominated to supersede Mr. GOUGH, the present sterling War Republican Congressman from that District, declines, and gives his reasons. He says: "If I can judge anything from the speeches that have been made in different parts of the State by the leaders of the People's Party, they do not now sustain the President, as was expressed in the original

call. I think that there is nothing that would give more aid and comfort to the rebels than the success of a party in the legal election opposed to the President. I must, therefore, decline to accept the position offered me in the People's Party."

He is not for giving aid and comfort to the rebels by factious opposition to the Administration. The lesson will answer precisely as well for this meridian.

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.—GEN. WALBRIDGE IN THE FIELD.—GEN. WALBRIDGE has taken the field in the First District, as a War Democrat, in opposition to BEN. WOOL. GEN. W. is a great favorite in his district with his own party, and will be likely to carry a large majority of it in his favor, and at the same time unite all the elements of the opposition. He is for war upon the rebellion till it is utterly crushed, and sustains the most vigorous military measures to this end. He is the anti-people of BEN. WOOL in every particular—in respectability, in patriotism and in his devotion to the public welfare. If he can save the City from the everlasting disgrace of the election of "Love and Secession" WOOL, he will be entitled to a Nation's gratitude. GEN. WALBRIDGE's position in reference to the great questions at issue in the election, is well set forth in his card to the public, in which he shows himself to be an earnest supporter of the honor as well as the perpetuity of the Government and people. We hope to be able next Wednesday morning to chronicle his triumphant election.

FERNANDO WOOL.—The grandest eulogy ever pronounced upon the value of a good name was put, by SHAKESPEARE, into the mouth of Iago, by all odds the most consummate villain he ever drew. The master-stroke was simply true to nature: FERNANDO WOOL's glorification, in his ratification speech, of the eminent virtues that ought to be combined in one who aspired to represent the people in the National councils, became him well. All such characters, to be fully themselves, must at times appropriate the livery of heaven. But we are happy to hear that, despite all this high corruption, FERNANDO will probably come to grief. The ratification meeting last evening of his competitor, Capt. JOHN DUFFY, the war candidate of the Fifth District, gave excellent promise of it. The Captain has a support, which the Ex-Mayor, with all his chicanery, will find it almost impossible to overcome. It really looks as if the man who has so long been a public scandal will now get his quicquid. There is not a Congressional nominee in the State whose defeat would be hailed with such unfeigned satisfaction by all good and true people.

THE CHURCH AND THE WAR.—The Synod of Illinois, (O. S.), at its late meeting at Quincy, passed a spirited series of resolutions on the state of the country, which were replete with the spirit of loyalty and freedom. The seventh of these resolutions contains a solemn warning against contention and strife among Union people at this crisis of the nation, and furnishes a lesson which will be of value to the people of New-York and the whole North at this moment:

"We believe it to be the duty of all good men to frown upon all attempts to weaken confidence in the Government, or to divide and distract the loyal people of the country. The efforts of scheming politicians, and selfish demagogues, and of an unprincipled and disloyal newspaper Press, to give aid and comfort to the rebellion by dividing our people and raising up a reactionary party that would sell justice and liberty, and barter away all that is most sacred in our institutions for the sake of the personal aggrandizement of a treacherous and short-lived power, ought to receive the indignant condemnation of all who fear God and love justice. None but a righteous peace can be permanent."

A BAD DAY FOR PRINCE JOHN.—Friday, the 24th ult., was an unlucky day for JOHN VAN BUREN. It would seem bad enough for him to have been shown up in the papers as a deliberate "perverter of the truth," but there was republished that same morning an article from the *Richmond Dispatch* praising him as being "chivalric" and "magnanimous." To have attained to such praise as that from the rebels is a disgrace which few can hope to reach.

HOPES FOR THE SOUTH.—MR. NORTON, one of the speakers at the Seymour meeting in the Park, on Tuesday evening, called upon his hearers to vote for SEYMOUR because he was a "statesman, whose election would throw over the South a gleam of hope." No doubt of it—and those who wish to give hope to the rebels will vote for him. Those who do not will vote for WADSWORTH.

A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.—Judge RESELL, in his speech at Tammany Hall, said that "if any man says that BEN. WOOL, because he is a candidate of the Democratic Party, is a traitor, he lies." But that is not the statement. No one alleges that he is a traitor because he is a candidate, but that he is a candidate because he sympathizes with traitors.

ASSEMBLY NOMINATION.—CHARLES L. BURNETT, the able and faithful representative last year of the First Assembly District, Brooklyn, has been most deservedly renominated by the Union War Party. His competitor is THEOPHILUS C. CALICOT, a new resident of the District, but a member of the Assembly of 1860, and an active participant in the memorable corrupt legislation of that year, for which he was indignantly repudiated the year after by his former constituents. There ought to be no hesitation between such candidates.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH SOCIAL CIRCLE.—The second article in the *Saturday Evening Courier* on Plymouth Church is devoted to a description of and comment upon the peculiar institution known as the "Social Circle," which Mr. BARNES introduced when he first assumed the pastorate of that Church. The Circle is long since done away with, but the description, as given, will amuse some, offend others, and instruct all.

FUN AHEAD.—CLAY VS. TRAIN.—To-night, at the Cooper Institute, CLAYUS M. CLAY and GEO. FRANCIS TRAIN will discuss the question of Slavery. Freedom will be championed by a native of the South, and Slavery defended by a regular Boston Boy. The subject is one of some extent, the speakers each of unusual volubility, and the scene will be at once entertaining and astounding, if not instructive and improving.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHER.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Oct. 31.

OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS.

By advices from the front, we learn that Col. WIDEMAN, of Gen. BARNES's Cavalry, left Chancellorsville on Wednesday to reconnoitre, and at last accounts was driving the rear guard of the rebel Gen. WALKER's force through Ashby's Gap. Col. WIDEMAN is highly commended.

Another detachment of BARNES's force on Thursday drove the enemy into their retreats in Thoroughfare Gap.

Capt. CONNER, first reported mortally wounded, is rapidly recovering. The enemy gives strong testimony to his courage and skill as a soldier. Lieut. CONNER is known to be a prisoner and wounded.

AID FROM ENGLAND TO REBEL NAVY.

There is reliable information of substantial aid being furnished by England for the construction of a rebel navy. Several immense iron-clad frigates are being constructed at present, calculated to cross the ocean, and of power sufficient to devastate our coasts and annihilate our shipping. Practically, England is now at war with the United States, and a formal declaration could scarcely add to the power for mischief which it exercises.

ARMY CHANGES.

The prospect for immediate changes in the army commands is much less than some weeks since. The Cabinet meeting, to-day, reached no new conclusions on this subject.

REBEL POSITIONS AND DESIGNS.

Reliable information shows that Gen. LOOSEBERRY, who was wounded at Antietam, has reentered the rebel army now collected at Petersburg, near Richmond, with at least one division of the veteran troops recently in McClellan's front. Gen. LOOSEBERRY will have command of the rebel army now moving from Petersburg to the attack of Suffolk, with the ultimate intention of recapturing Norfolk. Prominent rebel sympathizers in this city, who have been uniformly well posted as to the plans of the Richmond Junta, assert that Gen. LEE has accomplished everything for his recent campaign was undertaken, and that his army will risk no general engagement on this side of Richmond. They have now collected and sent to the great rebel granaries south of the Rappahannock, all the vast cereal and other productions of the Virginia Valleys—their pork and beef are in great part cured with the salt obtained in the Kanawha Salines and elsewhere; and thus maintained, they will retire leisurely, as our army advances, through a country stripped of all food and supplies.

Whether the Archimedian lever, now being vigorously applied to the Army of the Potomac, can possibly cause it to move fast enough in the least to disarrange this programme, remains yet to be seen.

GEN. DIX'S VIEWS.

Major-Gen. DIX was here yesterday, and returned this evening to his command. He is strong in the belief that LOOSEBERRY's army at Petersburg is merely the vanguard of an immense attack to be made upon his lines, at Yorktown and Fortress Monroe. He considers that the capture of Suffolk, even with Norfolk thrown in, would not justify such immense preparations as the rebels have been making at Petersburg. His impression seems to be that while Gen. LEE is amusing McClellan by a small rear-guard, spread over a large surface of country in the region of Winchester, the main bulk of the rebel army is being withdrawn down the Valley, and will be concentrated in front of Yorktown for the capture of the immense depots of stores collected at that point, with the further object of then marching against Fortress Monroe.

The General is confident that he can repel the present force under LOOSEBERRY, but is anxious to be heavily reinforced if he is to be called upon to fight the whole rebel army.

We may add that Gen. DIX's visit here has been thought by some a premonition that he is to return to Baltimore as Gen. WOOL's successor. This, however, is mere conjecture.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Some surprise is exhibited that when the reports of the Quartermaster and Commissary Generals were furnished to the Times for publication, they were not accompanied by the much more striking report of Col. ISABELL, Chief Quartermaster of the Army of the Potomac, from which it appears that at the time the inactivity of the Army of the Potomac was officially charged to be in consequence of the want of shoes, there were then 20,000 pairs stored and undistributed in Gen. McClellan's chief depot at Harper's Ferry; 10,000 more pairs on the railroad, though not unpacked; and yet 15,000 more pairs known to Col. ISABELL to have been started from Washington, and to be then on their way to him. The report of Col. ISABELL fully exonerates the Quartermaster-General from all blame, confessing that every requisition has been filled with all the promptness of which steam locomotion is capable; and that, while the Army of the Potomac had been thoroughly and magnificently refted, in every particular, with a lavish generosity known to no other army, 40,000 additional pairs of shoes and other supplies in proportion have since been received by it. This, for sixty miles marching and two months' inactivity, would appear a rather liberal supply.

From mathematical calculations, based on the statistics showing that the Army of the Potomac has now 31,000 draught animals—mules and horses—in its line, we find that its baggage train, placed in use as closely as possible, would reach 61½ miles; and yet this is the army which the "Abolitionists," as the Herald charges, are attempting to starve into a condition to restrain the impetuous and irrepressible ardor of its Commanding General.

This explanation is due to Gen. MEADE and Col. SAUNDERS, and is cheerfully put forth in their behalf.

REBEL FORCES IN OUR FRONT.

Dispatches from Gen. SLOCUM's headquarters confirm the belief that the enemy is in full retreat southward. A scout, who arrived at Gen. SLOCUM's headquarters last evening, from Dumfries and Stafford Springs, reports no enemy there—neither at Dumfries nor at Stafford Station. The infantry are around the latter place, however, expecting the arrival of a train there this afternoon with a company of cavalry at Brantville to protect it.

There is a rebel picket of sixty men stationed at Buckland Mills, with sentinels three miles and a half south of Gainesville. A regiment of rebel cavalry was at New-Baltimore yesterday.

A cavalry reconnoitering party sent Wednesday to Thoroughfare Gap, has returned, and reports a great many rebel stragglers in the neighborhood of the Gap. The rebels have a picket at the Gap, which was driven by our party, and a skirmish ensued, but snoring the enemy too strong, retired.

Another dispatch, received later from Gen. SLOCUM, says:

"Two intelligent contrabands, driven from Upper Meriden, sent in by Col. WADSWORTH, report that Gen. WALKER, sent by Col. WADSWORTH, has been seen at a place called Upperville, and that he has been seen at Upperville on the 25th of Oct. The negroes were there yesterday at 3 P. M., when our cavalry had advanced thus far. They say that WALKER

as was that we were advancing on him in too strong numbers."

Gen. BAXTER's cavalry was at Aldie Thursday morning. Gen. Stuart's lines extended as far as Pleasant Valley.

A party of observation was sent out Thursday to Ball Run Mountains, but up to 5 o'clock had not returned to headquarters.

The latest patrol was at Brentsville on Sunday.

GEN. FITZ JOHN PORTER.

It is understood that Gen. FITZ JOHN PORTER will immediately be ordered to trial on two sets of charges; those preferred against him by Maj.-Gen. Porter, and those growing out of the honorable exculpation given to Brig.-Gen. MARTINDALE, by the facts developed before the recent Court of Inquiry.

Gen. PORTER's letter, thanking Gen. MARTINDALE in warm terms, for the very conduct for which he was so severely preferred charges, is regarded as one of these stubborn facts, which Gen. PORTER will find it difficult to surmount. The belief is that he wanted to get rid of MARTINDALE, by any means available; by a complimentary letter, if that would do it; and, if not, then by charges boldly made and pushed with all the power Gen. PORTER has heretofore held as Gen. McCALLA's confidential adviser.

GEN. WOOL'S DIFFICULTIES.

The President is giving full attention to the many and serious statements going to show Gen. Wool's failure to conciliate the loyal elements of Maryland, or to do anything but encourage the secession sympathizers of that State. He has not yet explained, nor is it thought that he can explain, his neglect of the order to withdraw all the Harper's Ferry troops to Maryland Heights, previous to the investment of the former place.

GEN. MARTINDALE'S CASE.

The decision of the Court of Inquiry in Gen. MARTINDALE's case has been placed on file in the Adjutant-General's office, and is to the effect that the charges of Gen. PORTER are not only not proven, but are absolutely disproved.

THE MILITARY COMMISSION.

A report is prevalent, to-night, and credited, that the Military Commission, of which Gen. HENRY is President, will immediately on closing its investigation of the Harper's Ferry surrender, be deputed to examine as to the cause of the alleged desertion of the Army of the Potomac; and to make report, fixing the responsibility for the inactivity of that army after the battle of Antietam. It is believed that a Commission will be organized with powers sufficient even to procure Gen. GARRISON's attendance, or any other General, no matter who orders to the contrary.

REBEL FORCE AT ANTIETAM.

It is now clearly ascertained by the Government authorities here that the full force of the rebels engaged in the Maryland battles was only 55,000 men. This is confirmed by the statement of a prominent citizen of Maryland, with whom the rebel Generals were quartered during their stay in that State.

REBEL PRISONERS SENT SOUTH.

An expedition, consisting of six officers and fifty enlisted men, were yesterday sent by Col. DORRIS, Provost-Marshal, in charge of Lieut. KENNERLY, Teah North-Jersey, to Gen. Dix, at Fortress Monroe, to be exchanged. Among the number were Capt. TAYLOR, late of Georgetown, Capt. CUMMINGS, of Philadelphia, and Lieut. BAXTER, of this city, all of them traitors from the North. Capt. TAYLOR was dressed in a brilliant secession uniform, made for him in this city during his stay here.

THE DRAFT IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Gen. BOCKENHOF, of the War Department, has just returned from Harrisburg, whither he had gone to confer with the Governor of Pennsylvania respecting the draft there.

A Committee of prominent citizens from Philadelphia was here to-day to confer with the President and Secretary of War on matters pertaining to the draft in Pennsylvania.

SLOOP CAPTURED.

A sloop loaded with dry goods, shoes, &c., and named the *Lila*, was brought to the Navy-yard yesterday. She was captured near the mouth of the Potomac under very suspicious circumstances, as it was supposed, trying to make her way into Virginia up some of the creeks flowing into the Potomac. The captain and crew were sent to the Old Capitol Prison.

SMUGGLER ARRESTED.

A man named CHAS. F. DAVIS, arrested yesterday while on his way South with a quantity of drugs and medicines, much needed in the South, was sent to Old Capitol Prison.

SUBSTITUTES ASCENDING.

Persons engaging as substitutes for drafted Maryland rebels are running away after receiving premiums. Several of the victims are here to-day, hunting their recaptured "subs."

REVIEW.

A grand review of Gen. Cass's fine division will take place to-morrow.

CRIMINAL DETECTIVE BAKER.

The statement of the editor of the Washington *Republican*, in regard to his arrest by Chief Detective BAKER, and the treatment received from that official, is denied by Col. BAKER, who, it appears, sent for him to learn the source of some information he had published. He was not placed under arrest, and no such language was used as imputed by the editor, whose statement was published yesterday. It was through the vigilance of Col. BAKER the remarkable arrest was made of Miss BOCKENHOF, a correct account of which was sent to the Times exclusively last night.

PROMOTIONS.

Maj. DORRIS, of the Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and Provost-Marshal of this City, has been promoted Lieutenant-Colonel of the same regiment.

A NEW PAPER IN WASHINGTON.

JOHN W. FORNEY is soon to commence the publication here of a daily paper.

NAVY ORDERS.

Capt. KROVATSKY and Lieut. MOSKOW, MATTHEWS and CHURCH, of the Marine Corps, are ordered to report for duty at Cairo, Illinois.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Oct. 31.

THE CASE OF THE STEAMER BLANCHIE.

The Star says: "We have reliable information from parties just from Cuba that the steamer *Blanchie*, on her late trip from Texas to the port of 'Mulatto,' Cuba, carried, in addition to her cargo of cotton, quite a number of Texas slaves, with their owners, who apparently sold them to Cuban planters; and also, that several 'seco' families, arriving from New-Orleans and its vicinity, are bringing with them numerous slaves. It will be remembered that the steamer *Blanchie* ran her cargo to Cuba under the British flag, not previously known for many years to have carried a cargo of slaves for the Cuban market. A Spanish man-of-war, the *Bisao de Garay*, is said to have landed more or less of the slaves entering the island from the vicinity of New-Orleans."

THE GOVERNMENT AND RAILROADS.

The Mayor, the Presidents of the Councils, and a Committee of the two Boards, have had an interview with the President, to urge the immediate construction of a railroad from the Point of Rocks to this city, and thence in a straight line to the Chesapeake.

The President, in reply, said that Congress had deputed him of the power to make roads; and that, had the road from Kentucky into East Tennessee been permitted, the war in the West would have long since been ended.

The President also stated that these two roads might be made, and he would recommend them to Congress. If he had the power he would see that they were constructed immediately, as he well knew the pressing necessity for them, both for military purposes and as a question of economy in the transportation of troops and supplies.

SUICIDE OF A PAYMASTER.

Major W. W. RUSSELL, Paymaster of the Marine Corps, and recently attached to Gen. McCALLA's Staff, committed suicide this morning, using both a sword and a pistol. He was laboring under temporary insanity.

THE NEW SCREW SLOOPS-OF-WAR.

The fulfillment of contracts with the Navy Department for the construction and machinery of some of the new screw sloops-of-war has been delayed much

beyond the time specified. As an instance, the contractors bound themselves to have everything connected with the machinery, coal-bunkers, &c., on board the *Junonia* in working order by the 17th of February last, but two weeks beyond the present time will be required to complete the work.

NAVY ORDERS.

Acting Assistant-Paymaster B. B. ROBERT, has been ordered to the sloop *Dale*.

Acting Assistant-Surgeon G. M. WARR has been ordered to the frigate *Brandenburg*.

Acting Masters LEWIS, WEST and THOMAS D. CARR, and Acting Assistant-Paymaster A. M. STEWART, have been ordered to the *Ladonia*.

Further Time for Hearing Claims for Exemption from the Draft.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.
JUDGES ADVOCATE-GENERAL'S OFFICE.
New-York, Oct. 31, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 6.—In order to afford an opportunity to all persons who claim exemption from military duty to present such claims, the Commissioners of Drafting of the Councils of New-York and Kings will, at the conclusion of the evening session on Saturday, Nov. 1, adjourn until Thursday, Nov. 6, at 9 A.M., and will hold day and evening sessions on that day, and on Friday, Nov. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 8, at the usual hours and places. By order of

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OPERATIONS IN FLORIDA.

Particulars of the Destruction of the Rebel Salt Works on the West Coast.

Washington, Friday, Oct. 31. Commander HOWELL, of the gunboat *Tahona*, under date of the 14th of October, Coast of Florida, reports to the Navy Department that on the 6th inst. an expedition left for the purpose of demolishing some rebel salt works upon the mainland. The expedition consisted of four boats from the *Tahona* and four from the steamer *Somerset*, numbering in all one hundred and eleven men.

Two of the boats had howitzers. Twenty or thirty armed guerrillas were put to flight by the shells, ship and canister with which the houses, woods and underbrush were searched. Then the small arms men landing deployed as skirmishers on each flank of the guns, and the working parties destroyed the boilers, which were of various shapes and curious construction. The houses in the immediate vicinity were fired, and the boat proceeded to the next station. Here the boats covered the working parties. It was necessary to put howitzer shells through two very thick cañon and two wrought iron bolts. The buildings were then burned.

Just after leaving the latter place the cars came in and probably brought reinforcements, as the people on shore yelled and shouted and fired twenty shots from the boats. From the sound it was judged the shots were from Mier or Euclid rifles. None of them, however, struck any of the men, nor could they have done any harm, as the distance was too great. The expedition was entirely successful. Some twenty-eight boilers were destroyed, and all the buildings within reach destroyed but two upon Way Key. There was no useless expenditure of ammunition, and no one was hurt.

Acting Lieutenant-Commander McCarter, of the steamer *Fla. Hawk*, reports, on Oct. 16, a second reconnaissance up the Apalachicola River, which resulted in the capture of the sloop *G. L. Brockborough*, which had been scuttled, and which had on board sixty-four hales of cotton. A launch from the *Somerset* cleared the river banks of guerrillas, and killed a number of them.

PIRATES IN THE CHESAPEAKE.

Partial Destruction of the Ship *Alleghenian*, of New-York, by Fire—The Captain and a Part of the Crew Prisoners.

Washington, Friday, Oct. 31. The tug *Leslie* has arrived, bringing the seamen who were picked up in the Chesapeake Bay, on Wednesday last, by the steamer *Daniel Webster*. They state that they are a portion of the crew of the ship *Alleghenian*, of New-York, which left Baltimore last week with a cargo of guano for London, and that during the storm on Sunday she came to anchor below the mouth of the Rappahannock, where she remained until Tuesday night, at which time a party of rebels in their boats, carrying about seventy-five men each, came in uniform, came from out the Piankank and boarded the vessel.

The captain, mate and pilot were taken prisoners, and transferred to the boats of the rebels, and the remainder of the crew were ordered to take the ship's boats and put to shore. The rebels then set fire to the cabin of the ship and left, taking the prisoners with them and a boat containing about half of the crew. Those who were brought up state they escaped by reason of the darkness of night, and after floating till day, were picked up by the *Webster*. The men on the mortar-boat No. 7, which was some distance off, saw the fire. A boat crew was once dispatched, who succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but the afterpart of the ship and the mizen-mast had been destroyed. This is the same vessel, doubtless reported as *Fortune*, Monroe, as seen burning by the Baltimore steamer, on her way to Old Point.

Gen. Hiram Walbridge a Candidate for Congress.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN ELECTORS OF THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

As an unflinching supporter of the National Democratic creed, I respectfully announce myself as a National Democratic Union candidate for Congress from the Fourth Congressional District. That creed is founded on the eternal principles of justice, morality, and the Federal Constitution.

I shall be glad to receive the suffrages of all who believe, with me, there can be no permanent tranquility in this country until the Federal Constitution is restored over every loch of our former territorial limits, and who regard the separation of these States, and the consequent overthrow of this Government, a calamity little less disastrous to the human race than the overthrow of the Republic.

I am a Constitutional Unionist, regarding the preservation of this Union paramount to all other earthly obligations. When we have restored the Constitution, saved the National life, and vindicated the integrity of the Union we can adjust all minor political differences. Our first and highest duty is to save the Government. We want less politics and more victories. If elected, I shall stand by the Government when it comes by the Constitution, and when it comes by the sword, I shall not fail to call upon the people to come to the rescue.

I am in favor of an economical and frugal administration of the Government, and a careful husbandry of all its resources. I would banish for all time, any official looting of the Treasury, or employing his public position to enrich himself. I am equally in favor of an unimpaired Press, and an unimpaired Judiciary, and of an active, earnest, intervention, in the name of the United States, where we are engaged, our right and duty, and the supremacy of law. Very respectfully, HIRAM WALBRIDGE.

Gen. Walbridge will address the merchants at the Produce Exchange at 1 o'clock to-day, and the electors of his District at corner of Morris and Greenwich streets, at 5 o'clock P. M., at Franklin-square, in the Fourth Ward, at 6 o'clock in the evening. He will also speak at the corner of Duane and Centre streets, in the Sixth Ward, at 7 o'clock, and at the Fifth Ward Hotel at 8 o'clock, and corner of Hudson and Charlton streets, at 9 P. M.

Union Meeting at Oswego.

Oswego, Friday, Oct. 31—10 P. M. Hon. HENRY J. RAYMOND addressed a large Union meeting at Awaga Hall, in this place, this evening, in support of the candidates in the pending election who are for sustaining the General Government, and putting down the rebellion. He was attentively listened to for over two hours, and the meeting cordially endorsed his views. He lucidly demonstrated that the best way to end the war is to prosecute it vigorously, at the same time supporting the Constitution and the authorities in their efforts to that end.

Mr. RAYMOND was likewise advertised to speak at Birmingham, but as Col. HARRISON and Hon. DEXTER S. DICKINSON were enabled to be present at a similar meeting in that place, he concluded not to disappoint the audience here.

The Union men of Tioga and Broome Counties, as well as the other portions of the State, feel confident of their ability to triumphantly elect the Union nominees, WADSWORTH and TRAXIN.

Mr. RAYMOND speaks at Middletown to-morrow.

Mineral.

Having Hall—As, in these balmy days of Indian Summer, it is esteemed a privilege by the ladies to attend a Gossamer matinee, there can hardly be a doubt that Mr. HARRISON's final entertainment will meet with a sufficient recognition in fashionable circles. We shall merely direct attention to the fact that, in addition to the usual attractions offered by this very liberal management, Miss CAROLITA PATTI will make her appearance and sing two of her brilliant *marceur*, being accompanied by Signor MIZIO. The programme is one of the best ever offered in this city. Mr. GOSWELL, Mr. THOMPSON THOMAS, Mr. CARLIS and Mr. BARN have selected their best pieces for repetition on this occasion. The doors open at 12 o'clock.

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Cannonading Heard in the Direction of the Rebel Lines.

Skirmishing with the Rebel Cavalry.

THE ENEMY IN FORCE AT SNICKER'S GAP.

The Crests of the Hills Defended by Artillery.

A SERIOUS ENGAGEMENT EXPECTED.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Nov. 1. The following, dated Oct. 31, has just been received from the Times' correspondent at Centerville: A brisk cannonading was heard here this afternoon, between 4 and 5 o'clock, which lasted for half an hour or more, in the direction of Middleburg, supposed to be a fight between a portion of Gen. Walker's and Gen. Baxby's forces. As the sound of firing receded toward the mountains, it is supposed that Gen. Baxby drove the enemy before him.

LATER. WASHINGTON, Saturday, Nov. 1—9 P. M. Advice from the front show that active skirmishing is going on, in which rebel cavalry, supposed to be Stuart's, is engaged. It may possibly result in a serious engagement.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Nov. 1. The latest news from the front is, that the rebels still hold Thoroughfare Gap with a small picket. Gen. Baxby's cavalry was attacked yesterday afternoon at Aldie. He camped, last night two miles east of that place, from which it is inferred he repulsed the rebel force.

SPECIAL DISPATCH FROM HARPER'S FERRY.

HARPER'S FERRY, Saturday, Nov. 1—9 P. M. Our special correspondent near Hillsboro sends us the following, dated 3 P. M.:

"A heavy cannonading has been heard for the last hour in our advance, toward Snicker's Gap. Possibly from the vicinity of Winchester."

Prof. Low went off to-day toward Bull Run Heights. The enemy was in sight in detached bodies, to the number of 800. We are all ready here for them.

HARPER'S FERRY, Saturday, Nov. 1. Another Hillsboro correspondent says, under this date:

"The enemy is at Snicker's Gap in force. From the Short Hills, near Hillsboro, the camp-fires of several of their divisions can be seen, and reconnaissances show the crests of the Gap to be defended by artillery."

LETTER FROM BOLIVAR HEIGHTS.

From Our Special Correspondent.

BOLIVAR HEIGHTS, ABOVE HARPER'S FERRY, Va., Thursday Evening, Oct. 31, 1862.

To-day we have witnessed the novel spectacle of one National army marching out of town while another was marching in. Gen. Swanwick's Corps have been slowly crossing the Shenandoah to Loudon Valley, and Gen. Grant's command has at the same time been moving in this direction from Loudon Heights, where he has been stationed. What all these movements mean, it would not be proper for me to state at this time. A few days at the furthest will clear up what is doubtless now a mystery, not only to those at a distance, but to the soldier and citizen spectator.

Last evening a heavy reconnoitering party was sent out in the direction of Shepherdstown to feel, and if necessary, engage the enemy. It has not yet returned. About the same time Hancock's Division commenced its march across the Shenandoah. The movement of the force proper was, however, deferred until to-day, when it has taken place amid much excitement and the greatest enthusiasm. Early in the morning a considerable body of Infantry, Pennsylvania troops, were sent out on the Charlestown turnpike in close proximity to the rebel pickets, where it has remained all day. The movements of the enemy in this direction, as well as on the other side of the Blue Ridge, have been very mysterious—so much so as to cause a division of sentiment among our Generals as to what their plans may be. Movements on our part have undoubtedly occasioned a corresponding diversity of opinion on the part of the rebel Generals. Should nothing fall, however, they will know in a week's time, what our true plan was.

Soon after the departure of the force toward Charlestown symptoms of a general movement became apparent. By 11 o'clock the troops were in motion. It was a most grand and imposing sight. With cheerful countenances the men strapped on their knapsacks, shouldered their guns, and took their places in the ranks. Regiment after regiment formed in a blue which stretched from the Ferry to the encampment-ground here. Citizens and strangers collected in the doorways to see the great host, while seated on the green, in front of the general hospital, were to be seen the convalescent patients. The "Constitution" being located near the Shenandoah, and the "Intrepid" under the brow of the Heights. Owing to the winds which have prevailed this week, no ascension has been made. Firing has been heard in

the direction of both reconnoitering parties. This has been a mild and beautiful day.

LETTER FROM HARPER'S FERRY.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

HARPER'S FERRY, Va., Friday, Oct. 31, 1862.

We are having magnificent weather for the important army movements which are now transpiring. Just prior to the advance, an important change was inaugurated to the Medical Department of the army, being the establishing of a less complex and difficult mode of procuring discharges for the sick and wounded. Last year when our authorities at Washington labored under the hallucination that we had enough or too many men, a soldier could procure a discharge on the slightest pretext. Indeed, a physician, stationed at the time in one of the hospitals between here and Washington, informed me that a General Order had been received from Secretary Stanton to discharge as many men as possible, since the Government was paying more men than it could availably use. Since then, however, a different policy has been pursued, and the other extreme reached. To obtain a discharge has been almost an impossibility, though the applicant be afflicted with all the diseases that nature can send. When a soldier has become unfit for duty in the regiment, a certificate, stating that he has been in this condition for thirty days, has to be made out. The surgeon is then obliged to send his written statement to that effect to the Brigade Surgeon, which afterward passes to the Division Surgeon, then to the corps, and finally through Gen. McClellan's hands. Before it has passed through this circuitous course, the application is nearly always returned with the endorsement, "put this man on light duty."

What complicates light duty is cooking, bringing water, doing police work, &c. If a man can bring water, his officers will, in nine cases out of ten, think him able to perform guard duty; and then if he is able to shoulder a musket on guard, he can surely shoulder a musket on the march. The result of all this is that our army is burdened with a large number of men who are worse than useless. Men who sit about camp require much attention from their companions, are unable to perform certain duties required of them, give out on the march, always struggling, and yet are fed, clothed and paid by the Government. Still the poor fellows are not thus situated from choice. They long to go home, where they can have proper treatment, but no, they cannot obtain a release, unless released by death.

Under the new régime, inaugurated this week, this difficult mode of application is to be done away with, and each regimental Surgeon is to report directly to a party possessing the power of direct and immediate dismissal. All of the disabled are to be sent home immediately, and the various regiments thereby restored to their former efficiency.

There is much interest felt by all the intelligent soldiers in the campaign which is now progressing in New-York. Republican and Democrat alike regard SYMMONDS, not only as the peace candidate, but a Secessionist at heart. What better proof do we require than the fact that his ardent supporters and admirers are writing to our soldiers such letters as the following:

"A YOUNG FRIEND AND NARRATOR: The notice of the presentation to you of a beautiful sword has just met my eye. May you be ready to draw it in defence of constitutional rights, but never as against those who seek merely protection against oppression. The war now raging is against our own brethren. Whether there is a right to secede or withdrawal from the Union is a disputed question, but strong arguments may be used on either side. If, then, it is a disputed question, it ought not to be settled by the arbitrament of the sword. It is now a case of subjugation or extermination on the part of Mr. Lincoln and his abolitionized Democrats, who have been drawn into it from fear, or because they believed the National Capital in danger. This deplorable state of things can only be terminated by a compromise. I hope the democracy will soon see the distinction between defending ourselves from invasion and invading the South. It is time they begin to arise and proclaim that they will not be used to push on this unrighteous and unnecessary warfare."

The precious document from which I have made the above extracts was written to an officer of this army by one of the Seymour lights of Sullivan County, N. Y., a politician who runs the democratic machine in that portion of the State, and is a man after the candidate's own heart.

ORIENT.

FROM OUR ARMY IN VIRGINIA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

RECENTLY IN PETTICOMB—ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY OUNCES OF QUININE RECOVERED.

CENTREVILLE, Thursday, Oct. 30, 1862.

The quietness that had settled down on Centerville, during the last few days, was rudely disturbed at an early hour yesterday morning, by the arrival of Government Detective Sergeant LEE, of Washington, with the information that a carriage, containing a gentleman and two ladies, and a loaded team with a white driver, had departed from the National Capital for Secession, loaded with articles contraband of war. This, as may well be supposed, of itself, was not of so unusual occurrence as to create any great consternation in the minds of the officials here—so accustomed have they become to seeing all kinds of people—Secessionists, Unionists, non-combatants, and go-betweens—come along with passes, not unfrequently obtained from sources not to be questioned—were not the information in this case coupled with the suspicion that the parties had been surreptitiously obtained through the agency of some person occupying a confidential position in the War Department at Washington, not in Richmond. Capt. LAWRENCE, of Gen. STANTON'S Staff, at once took the matter in hand, and set himself to work to ferret out the offenders. The Provost-Marshal was consulted, and the pickets in every direction were notified, and Capt. LAWRENCE, after ascertaining the names of the persons composing the party, their antecedents, present residence, and the probable route they would take to reach their home, mounted a fleet horse, and rode in the direction of Chantilly. Five minutes after the picket on the pike near Chantilly, on the road leading to Fairfax Court House, had received instructions, the identical vehicles, with their occupants, reached the picket, and produced a document, furnished them in Washington, authorizing "Mrs. TRENKA, of near Fauquier County, Va.,—her daughter, Miss BROCKMAN, and Mr. BAXBY, with the wagons and contents," to pass the Union lines. The officer in charge of the picket—his instructions then being fresh—did not consider the papers "all right," whereupon Mrs. TRENKA produced two papers—as he was told she would do—signed by "M. Blair," stating that the bearer was a relative of his, and that party were all right, with an endorsement, requesting the proper officer "to see if he could help Mrs. TRENKA along." Signed "A. Lincoln," could all this array of documents proved to be of no avail, and Mrs. TRENKA and party, with all due deference, invited, much against their will, to accept of a guard to the headquarters of Gen. STANTON, at this place. Arriving here, the Commanding General placed the delicate case of a preliminary investigation in the hands of Col. VON GRUBER, and was actually engaged in his arduous duties by the Assistant Provost-Marshal of Fairfax County—House, Capt. BROWN, who had been promptly sent to the Provost-Marshal's office by the Provost-Marshal, to be there the subject of the arrest by the Provost-Marshal.

arrest declared, in turn, that they could not imagine why they were detained in this manner, and while protesting, were escorted to the General's headquarters, and Capt. BROWN at once commenced examining the contents of the two wagons. The search resulted in finding fifty bottles of quinine, containing one ounce each, and a tin "cinnamon" candy, with the store mark "C. W. Warr & Son, No. 68 South-street, Baltimore," upon it, fitted with the same precious drug, and a small quantity of whiskey. Thus rewarded, Capt. BROWN felt warranted to proceed a little further and search Mrs. TRENKA & Co. But who was to discharge this delicate but important duty? That was the question that agitated the mind of all for a time. Madame GRUBER was appealed to in vain to do it—there were no other ladies about who could be trusted. An officer present finally remembered that there was a strong Union woman in one of the regiments, and it was agreed that her services should be secured, and that Madame GRUBER should be a witness to the proceedings, so as to prevent the possibility of the woman being tampered with. Miss BROCKMAN was the first subject taken in hand. She is a tall, queenly-looking Miss, of 18 summers or more, with soft, dark eyes, beaming with intelligence, and a mouth—oh, such a mouth! a fit companion to the eyes, and a nose—well, there is no use of describing her further; but she is a woman whom any man, seeing her once, would stop to take another look, perhaps several more, and feel well repaid for the exertion. In a word, she was the most dangerous woman whom I have seen in Centerville, for she captivated all who approached her. Even Provost-Marshal BROWN, who has been wearing a painful look, for he was once unwell, and with all the evidence of her guilt he had obtained, he, in a moment of tenderness, handsomely apologized to the handsome being in civilian before him, because his orders rendered it necessary for him to put her to some inconvenience. The young lady retired to a chamber to be searched, with a smile and willingness of manner that made all feel as if she was not the leading spirit in the enterprise in which she was engaged. She gracefully swept her enormously extended skirts through the door, and disappeared. A few minutes had elapsed when the door was reopened, and a large bundle was thrown out upon the floor. No one seemed to know at first what it was; finally the word "bismuth" was heard; the boldest of the officers present seized it, and between a nice linen covering was found sewed up in bags made of old silk, about five pounds of quinine. The lovely Miss reappeared, too, but what a change a few moments had made in her attire. She was as calm and collected as ever, however. Mrs. TRENKA's turn came next. Nothing contraband was found upon her, and she was surprised (apparently) to learn that anything of a contraband nature was found about her daughter's person—"for the life of her she could not tell how it got there," Mrs. TRENKA has outlived two husbands, and bids fair to outlive another, if she gets one soon. Sharp-eyed, sharp black eyes, piercing through spectacles, sharp nose and chin, lips thin and compressed, tall and straight in figure, are all points to be seen in one glance at Mrs. TRENKA. Imagine such a woman talking as demurely as a young child, with no end to a story, interlarded with scriptural quotations, and expressing a hope of going to heaven, occasionally, and the reader can form some idea of Mrs. TRENKA, who, with her daughter, is just calculated to pull wool over the eyes of the unsophisticated Union people in the Capital, and obtain passes for carrying on a contraband trade with the rebels. BAXBY, the bear-like youth with them, is one of the long white-haired gentry, who apparently knows just enough to obey the orders of his superiors who are with him. After making the discoveries above related, the Provost-Marshal, with his charge, under a proper guard, started for Washington, where upon a further examination it is surmised that letters of importance may be found. The quinine found cost in Washington \$3.50 per ounce. BAXBY says he took Confederate money to Washington and there turned it into greenbacks by paying 50 cents on the dollar—so that he estimates his quinine cost him \$5.25 per ounce. He purchased 120 ounces, costing him \$630. Quinine in Secession is eagerly bought up at \$75 per ounce, and had he succeeded in getting through our lines with it, he would have realized \$6,400, or a net profit (not deducting expenses) of \$7,770. That is a rather strong inducement to speculate. I mention the fact, because he alleges that he is not connected with the rebel army, but is simply a speculator upon the necessities of his neighbors. His story is not believed here. Miss BROCKMAN brought the quinine along to oblige a friend, and did not know she was doing anything wrong. Mrs. TRENKA did not know anything about the contraband article and cared less. These are the reports of the parties themselves. They are smart enough to pull wool over all the old eyes in Washington and get back to Salem, where they reside, within ten days. It is believed here that they have been engaged in the contraband trade for a long time.

Gen. BAXBY left upon Hill day before yesterday, with cavalry and cannon, on a reconnoissance.

NEWS FROM PORT ROYAL.

Arrival of the Steamer Transport United States.

—Another Report about the Savannah Rum, &c.

The United States steam transport *United States*, FALLON, from Port Royal, S. C., Oct. 29, in ballast to D. D. TOMPKINS, arrived last night. The *United States* brings fourteen prisoners of war in charge of Lieut. SAWYER, and five men of the Forty-seventh New-York Volunteers.

There was a report at Port Royal just previous to the *United States* sailing that the rebel row from Savannah was coming down the river.

Capt. WARFIELD, of Gen. BAXMAN'S Staff, and Capt. WILLIAMS, of Gen. MITCHELL'S Staff, had died at Port Royal. The health at Port Royal was generally good.

The following are the passengers by the *United States*:

Lieut.-Col. Abbott and lady. Seventh New-Hampshire Volunteers; Lieut. Col. Gardner, Seventh Connecticut Volunteers; Lieut. F. A. Sawyer, Forty-seventh New-York Volunteers; Capt. Scott, U. S. N.; Capt. Hallett, D. Lloyd, Mrs. A. B. Nicholson, Capt. Powell, Mr. Moore and others.

Captain of the Steamer Onychia—Other

Prizes—Several of the Sixth Connecticut

Taken Prisoners—Gen. Mitchell and the

Negroes, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Port Royal, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1862.

On the morning of the 14th inst. the gunboat

Memphis, Commander WATKINS, bound from New-

York to Port Royal, when on the inner edge of the

Gulf Stream, opposite Frying Pan Shoals, gave chase

to a small steamer which was discovered heading to-

ward the land. Finding himself pursued by the *Mem-*

phis the Captain turned his vessel directly about,

shaping his course across the Gulf, and at the

expiration of four hours, it having become evident

that he was gradually being overhauled, the cargo was

broken out and thrown overboard. By this process

of lighting the vessel the chase was prolonged con-

siderably; but eventually the boiler became strained

in consequence of the intense pressure to which it

was subjected by "firing up" with resin and tar, and

after a short stern chase of 60 miles the *Memphis*

ran alongside of her. The steamer proved to be the London-built iron propeller *Onychia*, Capt. Gunn, from Liverpool in August last, and, without arms and ammunition for the Confederates—at least such is the statement of some of the crew, which, unfortunately, cannot be verified, as most of the cargo was thrown into the water. The *Onychia* was provided with a clearance for Havana from the Custom-house at Bermuda, but there being no seal attached to the paper it is believed to be irregular. The vessel is not more than seventy-five tons burden, but heeled swift, and of light draft, she is admirably adapted for running the blockade, for, with nothing standing but her lower masts, she could pass at night almost within hailing distance of our cruisers and escape observation. We hear that there are about a dozen of this dangerous class of steamers employed in the rebel service, having a rendezvous at Bermuda, and receiving cargo from larger vessels which carry it to that hot-bed of enmity to the Union cause. One of these steamers, the *Janet*, is said to have made five successful trips to Wilmington. The *Onychia* is now at anchor under the guns of the gun-ship *Vandalia*, but will be towed North by the first opportunity. Her value is from \$10,000 to \$12,000. The schooner *Agnes*, Capt. Wood, with a cargo of Yacht and turpentine, was also captured last week off Cape Roman, by the dispatch yacht *America*, Acting Master BAXTER commanding. She had run the blockade of Charleston and was bound to Nassau. This prize was worth from \$5,000 to \$9,000.

Capt. HENSON and PAOTY, of the Sixth Connecticut Volunteers, and six privates of the same regiment, were made prisoners on Sunday morning last, by a company of rebel cavalry. They were, without proper precaution, in the mainland in broad daylight, crossing from Lady's Island to "Clematis" plantation, where the enemy is known to lurk, and immediately upon landing, were observed to fire. In a minute they were surrounded by horsemen and captured. This occurrence having happened beyond our outer picket line, of course there was no force to assist the rash adventurers.

The steamer *Planter* was fired into on Saturday evening, by rebel infantry, while returning from a reconnoissance beyond Bluffton, and four men were slightly wounded. I am unable to give the names. A few shells from the boat dislodged the assaulting party, who only discharged one volley.

Gen. MITCHELL is doing a good work here with the negroes. Stimulated and encouraged by his efforts to serve them, they are making rapid strides toward improvement and usefulness. The building of their houses at DAYTON'S plantation is being prosecuted with vigor, and already after two weeks of labor, there is quite a respectable looking village, with streets laid out, and fourteen comfortable cottages ready for occupancy. The sentiment of the troops toward these people, under Gen. MITCHELL'S excellent guidance, is crystallizing in the proper form, and the deplorable feeling of antipathy which lately existed, seems a well-nigh to have been charmed away. While these pleasant social features are being developed, the General is not regardless of his principal duty, but during the past week has planned an expedition of considerable magnitude, which will leave this evening for its scene of operations. I accompany it and hope to chronicle its success in time for the mail which will carry this communication.

First Lieut. E. LEWIS BUTT, Adjutant of the Seventh Connecticut Volunteers, borrowed the pistol of a brother officer last evening and immediately shot himself dead. He had been depressed in mind several days, but his friends felt no apprehensions that he would make away with himself. Lieut. BUTT was a native of Pennsylvania, but had resided for years at Meriden, Conn. Until recently he was a Sergeant, detailed as clerk in the office of the Assistant Adjutant General.

H. J. W.

OUR KEY WEST CORRESPONDENCE.

A Disabled Crew—The Gunboat Port Royal

In Distress—Emancipation on the Island—

Naval Movements.

Key West, Fla., Friday, Oct. 17, 1862.

The English bark *Telegraph*, Capt. LEE, of Gibraltar, from Minihit, Mexico, for London, with a full cargo of mahogany and fustic, was fallen in with in the Gulf, on the 9th inst., by the United States brig *Bainbridge*, Lieutenant-Commander LYNN, all hands sick with the swamp fever of that coast, the first mate and one seaman having died on the voyage. A crew was put on board from the *Bainbridge*, with Acting Master HENNING in command, who brought the bark into this port on the 12th. Four men and one boy were at once sent to the Marine Hospital, leaving but one man, the second mate, on board. One of these men has since died in the hospital, and the others are said to be improving. Capt. LEE expects to ship a new crew, and proceed on his voyage as soon as his health permits.

The U. S. gunboat steamer *Port Royal*, Capt. MORRIS, (formerly of the *Cumberland*), arrived on the 15th from Hampton Roads, which place she left on the 6th, and encountered heavy weather during the trip, breaking her forward rudder, stove one of her wheel-houses, and is leaking two inches per hour. She will need some repairs here, and requires to be taken out of the water. The great importance and necessity of a reliable railway here, for naval repairs, cannot be urged too strongly.

The U. S. steamer *Wanassa*, supposed to be the flag-ship of Commodore WILLIAMS, West India Squadron, came into the outer harbor on the 15th, and remained a few hours.

The United States steamer *Penguin*, Capt. WILLIAMS, came into port on the 14th, from Charlotte Harbor, Fla., for supplies, and will immediately return.

The United States steamer *Magnolia*, Capt. SWAN, went to sea on the 15th, on a cruise.

The United States steamer *Dacotah*, Capt. McKINSTRY, went to sea on the 13th, bound to Boston.

The United States brig *Bainbridge*, Lieut. Commander LYNN, returned from a cruise on the 11th from Campeche Bay, and has taken in supplies and left on the 13th for Aspinwall, to remain for some time. During the cruise, the *Bainbridge* fell in with a finely molded and elegantly finished schooner, which evidently had been a pleasure yacht, having on board a cargo of saltpetre, quinine, &c., valued at \$100,000, from New-York to Nassau, where she changed her papers, and was then bound to Matamoros, Mexico. Everything was so completely regular that she could not be detained, but there was strong suspicion that she would attempt to run the blockade.

The singular and remorseless disposition shown in Southern speeches and papers regarding any movement of the negro for his freedom, are well answered by the conduct and bearing of the slave here and elsewhere, wherever the Federal authority prevails. Here he quietly leaves his old master or mistress, and seeks and obtains other employment, or perhaps builds himself a house from his previous savings, and may be seen at his daily toil as if no important event had happened to him. It should be understood that all slaves here are practically free. They are not returned to their owners, nor in the least restrained by any authority from employing themselves as best suits them, and retaining their wages. The master is not allowed to inflict any punishment. This condition of affairs, thus far, has produced no disturbance or difficulty, beyond the mere fact that some owners have forbidden employers of their slaves to pay their wages to them, and whenever the servants had it withheld, they at once seek other employment where the wages are more for their own benefit.

Col. MORRIS, who is in command here, has merely proposed a passive policy of non-interference, except to restrain all personal violence as between master and slave.

The yellow fever has now almost disappeared from the island. For the last week there have been but four new cases, and those have been in a very mild form, yielding readily to treatment. The last death from this disease was on Monday last at the hospital. The weather is now cool and pleasant, with frequent refreshing showers, and we indulge the hope that the recruits for the Ninetieth New-York Regiment, the mechanics for the Government work, and strikers generally, may with safety arrive here and remain after November.

Vessels of war in the harbor: United States frigate *St. Lawrence*, Capt. SWANICK; Flagship of Admiral LANZETTA; United States gunboat steamer *Port Royal*, Capt. MORRIS; United States gunboat steamer *Penguin*, Capt. WILLIAMS.

Arrival of Refugees—Running the Blockade—

Burnings of the *Blanche*—A New Version of the Circumstances of Her Destruction.

Key West, Fla., Friday, Oct. 24, 1862.

Our mail has been unexpectedly detained since the 17th, and as it is about to leave this afternoon I will hastily sketch all that has occurred of any importance since that date. On Sunday, the 19th, a party of five young men arrived here from Brevard and St. Lucia Counties, on the Florida coast, near Fort Carson, Indian River. In an interview with them I learn that every man between the ages of 16 and 45, in that section of retdom, is being remorselessly pressed into the rebel army, and if any objections are made they are handcuffed and tied and then marched off, no matter what the condition of their families. Three of these young men have families, and rather than be pressed into a service they so detested, have abandoned family and home and encountered a perilous trip down the coast in an open boat, hoping to find some employment and protection here until they will be enabled to return in safety to their homes and families. They inform me that a lively trade is now constantly being carried on with Nassau, and that as many as twelve vessels have arrived in St. Lucia Sound during the last two months, and landed and taken cargo. They, for the most part, have brought over sail, which is worth, at Indian River, \$30 per sack, and is taken from this place to the head of St. Lucia Sound, thence carried away to the St. John's River, whence it is boated down to a point near the Florida Railroad, and from thence finds its way north to Richmond or elsewhere. At Jupiter Inlet they saw, on their way down, two small vessels discharging, and they will require about four weeks' time to lighten their cargoes up the Sound. Upon learning this, Capt. G. A. BIXON, commanding United States steamer *Saganor*, at once decided to go up to that point and see if he could not capture them both. He has taken two of the young men with him for pilots, and we look for a good report in a few days.

The rebel steamer *General Rush*, reported in my last letter as having been chased and burned on the coast of Cuba, instead of being loaded with cotton, carried over four hundred negro slaves from Texas or Louisiana, and landed them successfully, then burning the steamer. This opening of a new trade directly showing the white feather. The officers and crew all escaped, and the two Spanish pilots were the only prisoners.

Our National banner was presented on the 22d, by some of the loyal ladies of Key West to the Chaplain of the Ninetieth Regiment New-York State Volunteers, Rev. J. G. BASS. The flag was designed for and was raised on the regimental church, amid the booming of cannon and hearty cheers. The occasion called out a very large collection of people, who all seemed to vie with each other to do honor to the occasion. Several patriotic speeches were made, and warmly received. Cheers were enthusiastically given for the President, the Army and the Navy.

The steamer *Santiago de Cuba*, Capt. RIBAUZ, has just arrived from a cruise of about ten days on the coast of Cuba and the Bahamas. She has met with no adventure worth relation.

There is now a good fresh norther blowing, with a clear blue sky, and yellow fever, I trust, has taken its departure from the island. There has been no new case in the last few days.

The English bark *Telegraph*, which arrived here in distress, bound to London from Minihit, has been another wreck, and proceeded on her voyage on the 21st.

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IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST

A Rumor of the Capture of Mobile.

of Mobile.

SHIRMSHING AT CHEWALLA.

CAIRO, Saturday, Nov. 1.

We have a rumor by way of Corinth that *Mobile* is ours. The report was brought in by rebel prisoners taken by our scouts.

Corinth dispatches of yesterday say that the mail messenger came in there to-day from Chevalle, and reported that our scouts had scoured the country as far south as Ripley, but discovered no trace of the enemy.

An arrival from the south reports all quiet at Helena.

In Memphis, orders have been issued by Gen. SHERMAN that all steamers with cotton and other merchandise shall be conveyed by gunboats, upon proper notification at Cairo or Memphis.

A Memphis letter says Villipier's Brigade has moved from Holly Springs.

There is a conflict of authority between the rebel generals in Mississippi. PIERCE was sent to the command of that department on the presumption that VANDERBILT would be in Tennessee or Kentucky. But the battle at Corinth prevented this, and now VANDERBILT refuses to come under end acknowledge his authority.

The Lynchburg *Republican*, on the 24th, says the constitutionality of the conscription act will be tested in the Court of Appeals in Virginia. The case is made up by Confederate State authorities.

The Grenada *Appeal* says that KISSACK, LOWERY, POLE, HARRIS, PIERCE, JACKSON SMITH and HODGES have been promoted to Lieutenant-Generals.

Cairo, Saturday, Nov. 1.

The only news from Tennessee is, that on Friday night our pickets were driven in at Chevalle. This is thought, however, to indicate a reconnoissance rather than an attack on our forces. The rebels seem to be coming up by way of Grand Junction, and thus be in a position to menace both Bolivar and Corinth. It is barely possible that they have not enough men to make an attack, but have pushed their columns on in a threatening manner in order to gain time at Holly Springs and other points South.

The Draft in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Nov. 1.

There will be no draft in Philadelphia, the Commissioners having ascertained, after careful examination and official count by Precincts, that more than 100,000 men are in the city, and that necessary

SEVEN DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

The Edinburgh at this Port and the

Arabia at Halifax.

Rumors of Rebel Privateers in the

Mediterranean.

Continued Agitation in Favor of a Re-

cognition of the South.

Mr. Gladstone's Utterances Disclaimed

by the Government Organs.

SILENCE OF LORD PALMERSTON.

A Banquet to Ex-Governor Morehead, of

Kentucky.

AFFAIRS UPON THE CONTINENT.

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FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Important Operations on Friday and Yesterday.

The Enemy's Cavalry and Artillery Driven from Phillimont by Gen. Pleasanton.

The Rebels Subsequently Driven from Union.

THE CASUALTIES ON OUR SIDE SLIGHT.

Heavy Firing Yesterday Until Dark.

ENEMY'S GAP IN OUR POSSESSION.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Sunday, Nov. 3—9 A. M.
Gen. PLEASANTON came up with the enemy's cavalry and artillery at Phillimont about 11 o'clock yesterday. The fight, which was conducted wholly by artillery, lasted about five hours, when the enemy retreated to Union—a small town three miles beyond. Our loss was one killed and fourteen wounded. The enemy's force consisted of a portion of BREWER's cavalry and one battery. Five of them are known to have been killed.

This morning Gen. PLEASANTON renewed the attack at 8 o'clock. At 10 o'clock he was reinforced by a brigade of infantry. At 1 o'clock the rebels fell back from Union, and our troops occupied the town. Our loss up to 3 o'clock, to-day, was one killed and four wounded. During the action a rebel caisson was exploded by one of our shells.

The enemy's losses not known.
The firing in that direction was very heavy from 3 o'clock till dark, but the result is not known.

Gen. McCLELLAN visited the front during this afternoon.

A heavy drizzle was observed, to-day, at Ashby's Gap. In what direction the rebel troops were moving is not known, the distance being too great.

THE CASUALTIES.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 2.
PARTIAL LIST OF WOUNDED IN THE SKIRMISHING IN PHILLIMONT, NEAR AIDIE, ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Geo. Morris, Co. F, 8th New-York.
Thos. Mills, Co. F, 8th New-York.
David Shipple, Co. H, 8th New-York.
John A. Van Deer, Co. B, 8th New-York.
Sergt. Jones, Co. L, 6th Regulars.
Lieut. Edgel and Sergt. E. B. Burros, Co. B, 8th Pennsylvania.
David Knight and ——— Blackman, Co. L, 8th Penn.
Geo. Wiseman, Co. H, 8th Pennsylvania.
O. C. Keller, Co. H, 8th Pennsylvania.
Jacob Allison, Co. F, 8th Pennsylvania.
Jas. Miller, Co. M, 8th Pennsylvania.
Chas. Kearney, Co. E, 8th Pennsylvania.

FROM THE ARMY OF VIRGINIA.

GEN. BAYARD'S EXPEDITION.

Eleven Thousand Rebels Driven Out of Upperville.

HEADQUARTERS, CENTREVILLE, Friday, Oct. 31, 1862.

A couple of Union men arrived here last evening, direct from Upperville, (near Ashby's Gap), which place they left on Wednesday night. They report that Gen. WALKER, (of the rebel service), with ten regiments of infantry, twelve pieces of artillery, and two companies (about 200 men) of cavalry, reached Upperville by the way of Ashby's Gap last week, and remained there until Tuesday of this week, when the commanding officer received information that a Union force, under Gen. GALATZ—numbering 11,000 men—was approaching him from the north, and had already reached Snicker'sville, and that another force, under Gen. BAYARD—numbering 5,000 men—was approaching him from the East by way of Middleburg, and commenced moving off his force through Paris and Ashby's Gap into the Shenandoah Valley. My informant states that when the advance commenced moving off, it was understood that the commanding General intended to march at once to Winchester. The following day (Wednesday), a detachment of Gen. BAYARD's command, (which left Chantilly the same day), commander by Col. WINDHAM, of the First New-Jersey Cavalry, drove the rear guard of WALKER's command from Middleburg, through Upperville and Paris, and at last account was running into Ashby's Gap. Col. WINDHAM is an experienced cavalry officer, (having seen 15 years' active service), and is said to have managed this affair with consummate skill. Several skirmishes took place—one near Paris and another at Upperville—between Col. WINDHAM's advance and the rear guard of WALKER's army, but our men dashed upon them with such intercity that the rebels were—though much superior in numbers to ours—few in utter dismay. In these skirmishes several of the enemy were captured. So far as my informant could ascertain, only one of our men was wounded, and that very slightly. Additional information will probably be received here to-day from Ashby's Gap.

SKIRMISH AT THOROUGHFARE GAP.

Another detachment of the same force of cavalry had a skirmish yesterday at Thoroughfare Gap—a place where our soldiers always find the enemy. The affair was of short duration, as the rebels retired to their haunts in the almost impassable hills in the vicinity. If the enemy feel disposed to make a stand at any of the passes along the Blue Ridge, between the points named, there will, doubtless, be stirring news from that quarter before many days; or, in plain terms, they have been challenged to battle, and if they do not run away too fast, they will be compelled to fight.

THE STORY OF TWO COLORED MEN.

Two colored men, who have been in the rebel Longstreet's corps, and in Walker's Division, for the last year, deserted the latter command at Upperville on Tuesday night last, and arrived here yesterday. Their story confirms the report given above in relation to WALKER's force and movements up to Tuesday night. They say the rebel army at Winchester is much larger than it was when it entered Maryland—having received additions in the shape of conscripts, returned convalescents and volunteers; that Longstreet has under his command, in all, about 42,000 men—that is what they have heard the officers say,—and that ten days ago, all but Gen. WALKER's command was at Stephenson's station, a little distance northeast from Winchester, on the Harper's Ferry and Winchester Railroad; they have not heard anything said about the rebel army retreating to Richmond—and do not believe any such movement is contemplated at present; but they have heard something said about the army going into winter quarters at Gordonsville; as yet, however, they have neither seen or heard of anything that induced them to believe that any special preparations have been made to fall back at all. Thomas, Lee, Jackson and Longstreet, with their commands, are within reach of Winchester; they do not know the whereabouts of Hill's command. These colored men talk more intelligently about military matters than a majority of white men not connected with the army—and, therefore, more than usual reliance is placed in what they say. By a series of cross questions I ascertained that they know all the different commands into which an army is divided,—such as the difference between an army corps, divisions, brigades, regiments, &c.; a battery, section of a battery, &c. In their opinion the rebel army is much demoralized—or, as they express it, the men are growing more and more dissatisfied with the war every day, and many, now the cold weather is approaching, express a determination to go home whether permission is granted them or not. The army is well supplied with fresh meat, bacon and flour, and most of the soldiers have recently received new (cotton) clothing, including overcoats, but they have not enough to make them comfortable these cold nights.

PASSING THE RICKS.
Bull Run Creek, within our lines, now fordable at almost every point, and therefore merely guarding the usual fords, is not a sufficient protection against the nocturnal visits of roving bands of rebels. The enemy made us acquainted with this fact last night, by a small party of them coming within our lines, and disturbing the peace of a Union family. They represented themselves to be Union soldiers, and after taking all they desired, took their departure. To-day our pickets have been extended so as to prevent such unseasonable visits from the enemy.

CAPT. CONGER—LIEUT. CONGER HEARD FROM.
Dr. RUSSELL, of the Ninth New-York Cavalry, returned yesterday from another professional visit to Capt. CONGER, wounded on Friday last, near Snicker's Station. The Doctor brings a favorable report as to the condition of his patient, and hopes now to be able to bring him within our lines during the ensuing week. The exact locality of the ball has not been discovered yet, but Capt. CONGER has clearly recovered the complete control of both his legs—which were at first paralyzed—and there are other symptoms favorable to his final recovery. Capt. CONGER finds in the family of Dr. OSWALD all the comforts of a home, and is in the most excellent spirits. He was required to give his verbal parole, that he would not take up arms against the so-called Confederate States Government, until properly exchanged. The rebel soldiers who infest the vicinity of his place of confinement, profess to feel the greatest admiration for the Captain's gallant conduct, and daily visit him to inquire for his health. Several soldiers called yesterday while Dr. RUSSELL was present, and from them he learned that Lieut. CONGER, captured in Friday's fight, but whose fate was before unknown, was in the hands of the rebels, to good health, and would soon be paroled. When Dr. RUSSELL started to return he was accompanied by three rebel soldiers of the Thirteenth North Carolina Cavalry, as far as Bristol Station. They talked freely of the fight on Friday, when Capt. CONGER was wounded, and in which they participated. They expressed their surprise at finding Northern men who could fight so well, acknowledged that they had sixteen engaged to Capt. CONGER's one, and among other things manifested a strong desire to see peace and good order restored once more in the land.

A FORWARD MOVEMENT ANTICIPATED.

All the quidnuncs and military lawyers in camp—like as soldiers, soldiers are troubled with the latter class—for once agree upon one point, and that is—that a force of our army is not destined to go into winter quarters here, but on the contrary, that it will advance further into the enemy's lines at no distant day. It is impossible to enumerate all the little circumstances which, without any positive knowledge about the matter from official sources, that summed together have brought every one to this conclusion; but the principal indications are that no arrangements whatever have been made to go into winter quarters; orders issued a few days ago, which seemed to look in that direction, have either been annulled or held to bay; the known fact that the pickets of Gen. McCLELLAN's advance force were last night within a very few miles of those sent out from this corps; and to crown all, the wish prompts it, and the whole country is expecting the army to advance.

THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THIS POINT AND WASHINGTON IS NOT GREAT, AND THE CLOTHING NECESSARY TO FIT MEN OUT FOR WINTER NEED NOT COME MUCH DELAY, AND THE QUARTERMASTERS ARE ASSURED THAT OUR MEN SHALL BE SERVED JUST AS SOON AS GEN. McCLELLAN'S TROOPS ARE SUPPLIED.

HOW IT WORKS.

A Mr. BAILLY, a well known Secessionist, residing in the southern part of Fauquier county, visited Alexandria a few days ago, and there met three of his "boys," worth, as he told the writer, \$1,500 apiece, who had left home without a pass. Like a kind master he gave each \$5 for spending-money, spoke to them kindly, and directed their attention to home and those near and dear they had left behind. A day or two passed by when they invited them to return to his protection again. The most intelligent of the three promptly replied, that they were Union men, and could not consistently consent to associate with rebels. The spirit of the slave master was aroused, and he threatened to take them by force. Whereupon the spokesman of the party pulled the President's Emancipation Proclamation from his pocket and asked him to read it. By so doing, however, and asserting that the place where he lived was occupied by Union troops, the oldest of the three "boys" decided that he would accept of the invitation to go home and see his family, knowing that he could get away again as a free citizen, and the place, armed with suitable credentials, he started for his old home, and reaching this outpost he could not pass beyond our lines without obtaining another signature to his papers. While waiting in front of headquarters for an opportunity to present his papers, a soldier asked him his business, and upon ascertaining that he desired to go beyond our lines, jokingly accused him of being a Secessionist. The individual addressed turned up the whites of his eyes in astonishment, and was dumfounded when he learned that the rebel and

not the Union troops occupied his "old home." That individual came to so about face and made tracks toward Alexandria as fast as possible.

The Fight Between Bayard and Taylor—Capture of a Train of Cars by the Rebels—Sixty Workmen and Thirty Soldiers Taken Prisoners.

CENTREVILLE, Saturday, Nov. 1—8 A. M.
I have this moment returned from an expedition to capture the captures of a train on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, and find that my dispatches relative to the fight between BAYARD and TAYLOR, written for the telegraph, was not sent until 3 o'clock this morning, and that the account of the capture of a train of cars and ninety prisoners by the rebels was not sent at all, by special order of Gen. Sigel.

So far as the fight is concerned, there is nothing new. An account of the capture of the train you doubtless have. For fear you have not, however, I will furnish you the general facts. A train, consisting of a locomotive and twelve platform cars, containing (as a guard) thirty-two of the Fifty-eighth New-York Volunteers, commanded by Capt. BROWN, and sixty mechanics and laborers to repair the road, went to Manassas Junction yesterday. Returning, at 5 o'clock P. M., the rebels interrupted their progress at Union Mills, by removing the rails. The locomotive was upset, the engineer and firemen wounded, and thirty soldiers and a majority of the sixty workmen captured.

Gen. SIGEL sent out a force last night which captured the destroyed train.

THE REBEL PIRATE "290."

Further Ravages Among Northern Shipping.

Eight Additional Vessels Captured and Burned by Her.

Dispatches were received in this city last evening from Boston, giving information of the highest importance to our shipping merchants, furnished by the Captain of the ship *Baton de Castine*, which arrived at Boston yesterday.

The *Baron de Castine*, of Castine, Me., was captured while on her passage from Bangor to Cardenas, by the rebel pirate "290," or *Alabama*, but was released on bond. She reports the following other vessels captured:

1. Ship *Tonawanda*, of Philadelphia. Released on a bond for the payment of \$80,000.
2. Bark *Lauraville*, of Boston, captured and burned.
3. Ship *Manchester*, of New-York, captured and burned.
4. Ship *Lafayette*, of Freeport, Me., captured and burned.
5. Bark *Lampighter*, of New-York or Boston, captured and burned.
6. Brig *Dunkirk*, of Ellsworth, Me., captured and burned.
7. Schooner *Crenshaw*, formerly of Richmond, captured and burned.

THE BRIG BARON DE CASTINE.

The brig *Baron de Castine* is an 2½ vessel, of 267 tons burden; was built in Castine, Me., and belonged to that port.

THE SHIP TONAWANDA.

This ship is ranked A No. 1, of 1,300 tons burden; was built in Philadelphia, and belonged in that port.

THE BARK LAURAVILLE.

This bark was ranked A No. 2, of 254 tons burden; was built in Damascus, Me., and belonged in Boston.

THE SHIP MANCHESTER.

This ship was ranked A No. 1, of 1,075 tons burden; was built in Portsmouth, N. H., and belonged in New-York.

THE SHIP LAFAYETTE.

This ship was ranked A No. 1½, of 945 tons burden; was built in Freeport, Me., and belonged to that port.

THE BARK LAMPIGHTER.

There are two barks of this name. The first was built in Castine, Me., and owned in New-York, and the second was built in Meadford, Mass., and was owned to Boston. The first was ranked A No. 2, of 279 tons burden, and the second A No. 1½, of 37 tons burden.

THE BRIG DUNKIRK.

This brig was ranked A No. 2, of 298 tons burden; was built in Ellsworth, Me., and owned in that port.

THE SCHOONER CRENSHAW.

This schooner was ranked A No. 1, of 278 tons burden; built in Baltimore, and formerly owned in Richmond.

PARTICULARS OF THE CAPTURES.

Boston, Sunday, Nov. 2.

The brig *Baron de Castine*, of Boston, Capt. SAUNDERS, from Bangor 19th ult., for Cardenas, arrived here this afternoon. She reports on the 29th ult., lat. 39°, long. 69°, was captured by the British pirate *Alabama*. Capt. SAUNDERS agreed to liberate the brig for a bond of \$50,000, payable to the President of the Confederate States, thirty days after peace is declared. Capt. SAUNDERS gave the bond, and was then informed that he must take as passengers the crews, numbering forty-five in all, of several American vessels which had been previously captured and burnt by the *Alabama*.

The crews were sent on board the brig, but extra provisions were refused, and Capt. SAUNDERS bore away for the nearest port, to land them.

The following is a list of the vessels taken and burnt by the *Alabama*:

Baron Lampighter, of Boston, HADDOCK, from New-York for Gibraltar, captured Oct. 15, in latitude 41° 30', longitude 69° 17', and burnt.

Ship Lafayette, of New-Haven, SMALL, from New-York for Belfast, Ireland, with a cargo of wheat and corn, captured Oct. 23, in latitude 40°, longitude 64°, and burnt.

Schooner *Crenshaw*, of New-York, NATION, from New-York for Glasgow, with a cargo of flour. Captured Oct. 25, in latitude 40°, longitude 65°, and burnt.

One of the crew of the *Crenshaw* joined the *Alabama*.

Bark Lauraville, of Boston, WALLIS, from New-York for Madeira. Captured Oct. 28, in latitude 39° 45', longitude 68°, and burnt.

Capt. SAUNDERS informed the prisoners that on Oct. 10 he captured the ship *Tonawanda*, of and from Philadelphia, for Liverpool, with passengers on board, and detained her five days, and released her for a bond of \$50,000, payable as above.

He also captured the ship *Manchester*, from New-York for Liverpool, and the brig *Dunkirk*, from New-York for Lisbon, and burnt them, putting their crews on board the *Tonawanda*.

Capt. HADDOCK, of the bark *Lampighter*, makes the following report: 15th ult., at daylight, lat. 41° 30',

long. 69° 17', wind South, with thick weather, saw a ship standing to the Southward; in half an hour the weather cleared up a little, and she altered her course and stood across our bows with the British flag flying; I then made her out to be a steamer; when within a mile he fired a gun, hauled down the British flag, and ran on the Confederate flag; I hove to, and he sent a boat on board, demanded my papers, and declared me a prize. We were sent on board the steamer. I was allowed to take one trunk, and my officers and crew one bag each. Capt. SAUNDERS ordered his First Lieutenant to go on board of the bark and burn her immediately. I begged him to save my ship, but he replied: "I hope to be able to serve you a d—d sight worse yet." They then went on board to burn my ship. I was permitted to go with them. When we went into the cabin they asked for liquor. I gave them all I had. They drank some and emptied the remainder on the floor. They took the oil cans out of the locker, and poured the oil on the floor, and then at 8 o'clock in the morning they set the vessel on fire. We were then transferred to the steamer and put in irons and almost starved. The pirate then continued to cruise under sail, but with steam up, until she captured all the above vessels. The crews were all put to June 10, and soon as captured. Those on board of the *Alabama* had full file of the New-York *Herald* and pictorial papers, containing an account of the former captures by the *Alabama*. Capt. HADDOCK was informed by the Second Lieutenant and several of the petty officers that their next destination was New-York, as they meant to throw a few shells into that city.

Capt. HADDOCK represents the *Alabama* as very formidable, but he does not think she is as fast as she has been reported. When he left her the crew were mounting two large pivot guns, one forward and the other aft. He thinks they were 100-pounders.

Capt. SMALL, of the ship *Lafayette*, reports that when he was introduced to Capt. SAUNDERS he produced his British Consul certificate, and remarked to Capt. SAUNDERS, that he supposed that would be sufficient protection. Capt. SAUNDERS replied, "The New-York people are getting very smart, but it won't save you; it's all a d—d hatched up mess." He then gave orders to burn the ship.

INTERESTING FROM PORT ROYAL.

The Recent Attack on the Charleston and Savannah Railroad—Accounts in the Savannah Papers—An English Blockade-Runner Captured—A Slight Touch of Yellow Fever—Illness of Gen. Mitchell, &c.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

PORT ROYAL, S. C., Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1862.

No events of especial importance have transpired here since the Portcullis gall, full accounts of which you have already received. Last Monday two men of the Forty-second Georgia Regiment made their escape from Savannah, and reached Fort Pulaski, bringing with them Savannah papers of the 24th and 25th insts., which contain accounts of the fight. They report that the reception of the news of our attack at Portcullis created great excitement in that city, and all the available force there was hurried forward to protect the railroad. Gen. BARNES, who was in Savannah at the time, immediately left for the scene of action. The dispatches announcing the repulse of the Abolitionists (Gen. BARNES) is fulfilling his dread threat, and calls us Abolitionists, calmed the excitement. A nervous feeling still exists, however, arising from the reports of two Union prisoners, taken at Portcullis, who declare that our intention to attack Savannah, within two days, at four different points. Much disaffection and depression exists among the soldiers in and about Savannah, and Union sentiments are frequently manifested by the citizens. Strong earthworks are being erected about Savannah for the protection of the city, and Gov. BROWN makes an earnest appeal, through the papers, to the planters of Southern and Southwestern Georgia, for 500 negroes to complete the works in thirty days. The iron ram *Pinget* is reported to be nearly finished, and we shall expect to see her before long.

Last Thursday night, 23d inst., the schooner *Tulla*, Capt. LOUGHRAN, got ashore near St. Helena Island while attempting to run the blockade. Capt. LOUGHRAN, finding it impossible to get the vessel off, set fire to her, and, with two men, comprising his crew, attempted to escape in a small boat, but all three were captured by our pickets. The vessel is a small English schooner, of 16 tons, from Nassau, with a cargo consisting chiefly of salt. The schooner and cargo are almost entirely destroyed.

The steamer *Burnside*, Capt. WILCOX, was towed into this port last Friday night, (24th), by the gunboat *Schoog*. When off Tybee Light, bound from Fernandina to this port, the vessel became unmanageable in a gale of wind, and was driven ashore. Her screw was broken and rudder carried away, but Capt. WILCOX, by letting go the anchor, saved the vessel from becoming a wreck. Word was got to Capt. SCOTT, of the gunboat *Stoboda*, belonging in Warsaw Sound, upon learning the critical condition of the vessel, promptly went to her assistance, and succeeded in towing her into this port. She will be sent to New-York for repairs.

Yellow fever has threatened us here, and at first gave rise to some anxiety, but the lateness of the season, and the fact that the disease was confined to one or two particular localities, has quieted all alarm. Two or three cold nights which we have experienced lately, have probably killed it, but I regret to add that it had numbered among its victims Capt. J. C. WILLIAMS, Aid-de-Camp on Gen. MITCHELL'S Staff, and Capt. L. A. WARDWELL, Chief Commissary of Subsistence at this depot.

Capt. WARDWELL died last Thursday after a short sickness, and was buried here yesterday with military honors. He was formerly Chief Commissary of the Second Brigade, under the late General STAVANS, at Beaufort. A few weeks before his death, he was placed by the General in command in charge of the Commissary Department at this depot. His strict and prompt business habits made him a most valuable and efficient servant to the Government, while his urbanity and courteous demeanor gained for him the esteem and confidence of all who were brought in contact with him.

I regret to have to announce the illness of Gen. MITCHELL. He is said to be suffering from fever, and has removed his quarters to Beaufort, for a change of air and scene.

Gen. J. M. BRANNAN is for the time being in command of the post.

Capt. ELWELL, Assistant Quartermaster, has been attacked with yellow fever, but is now out of danger and in a fair way of recovery.

THE DEFENCES OF SAVANNAH.

To the Planters of Middle, Southern and Southwestern Georgia: MARTINEAU, Ga., Oct. 17, 1862.

An eminent necessity has caused Gov. BROWN to appeal to you for a laboring force to work on the defenses about Savannah. No more negroes will be received than is actually necessary to complete the work in thirty days. Agents will be in the several counties to receive the negroes and receipt for them. T. A. PARSONS, General Superintendent.

Execution of a Soldier in Montreal.

Montreal, Friday, Oct. 31.

JOHN MANN, a private in the Sixteenth Regiment, convicted of the murder of his sergeant in July last, was executed here at 10.30 this morning.

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

THE ARABIA OFF HALIFAX.

Rumors of Further Ravages by the Rebel "290."

English Discussions of American Affairs.

THE TALK OF RECOGNITION.

Important Changes in the French Ministry.

DECLINE IN COTTON.

HALIFAX, Saturday, Nov. 1.

The R. M. steamship *Arabia*, Capt. STONE, which left Liverpool, at 2 P. M. of the 18th, and Queenstown the 19th ult., arrived at Halifax at 1½ A. M. to-day. She experienced strong westerly gales the whole passage. She has 100 passengers for Boston.

Her arrivals are three days later than those by the *Edinburgh* at New-York.

The R. M. steamship *Scotia*, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown about 1½ P. M. of the 17th ult., and reached Liverpool at 8 A. M. of the 18th.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The *Daily News* correspondent at Spezia says intelligence has reached there that two Confederate cruisers have entered the Mediterranean—Capt. SAUNDERS being in command of one. It was rumored they had already sunk or burned twelve Federal vessels, and the American Consuls at all the ports were on the alert to spread the tidings and provide measures for future safety. Query—This may be another version of the statement already published, of the destruction of whalers.

The London *Daily News* compliments Sir G. C. Lewis for his remarks against the recognition of the South, regarding them as ministerial in significance. It says they will go far to still the rising clamor of reckless and thoughtless men. It adds: "Notwithstanding Mr. GLADSTONE's statement, the Government are of opinion that JEFFERSON DAVIS has not made the Southern States a nation, and until he has, England will certainly not interfere."

The same journal editorially picks to pieces Ex-Gov. MONROE's Liverpool oration, and the New-Orleans correspondence recently published in the London *Times*, and contends that the arguments used clearly show that, with the South, Slavery is the beginning, middle and end of the whole revolution.

The London *Herald* calls attention to the conflicting views of Mr. GLADSTONE and Sir G. C. LEWIS, relative to America, and says that they ought not to sit in the same Cabinet.

The *Herald* then controverts the views of Sir G. C. LEWIS, and says that former precedents will justify the present recognition of the South.

The Army and Navy Gazette says that it is perfectly obvious that the number of men to be fielded toward the limits of the fighting population, both North and South, and when to this is added the armies swallowed up in swamps, in battle-fields, in marches, and rendered non-effective by sickness, by wounds and by parole, the intervention which, in the hard logic of accomplished facts, is more likely to terminate the war—a war in which much ignorance of the first principles of military science has been evinced, and great indifference shown to human life.

The London *Times* writes up the cultivation of flax in England, and shows it could be profitably and satisfactorily done.

A Garibaldi meeting came off at the London Tavern, on the 17th, without disturbance. Mr. WOOD, member of Parliament for London, presided. The attendance was very large, but embraced few persons of note. The speeches were moderate. Resolutions were adopted expressing sympathy with Garibaldi, and the cause he represents, viz: complete unity, and protesting against the continued occupation of Rome by the French troops, as insulting to Italy and dangerous to the peace of Europe. The resolutions were embodied in a memorial to Earl Russell.

FRANCE.

The retirement of M. THOUVENEL from the Ministry attracted much attention, and led to various speculations. The change was thought to be unfavorable for the settlement of the Roman question. It was reported that several other members of the French Cabinet, who rather favored the evacuation of Rome, will retire, and that the Cabinet will be essentially a new one. The appointment of DUBOIS L'HERVE to the Foreign Ministry, was regarded as a blow to the hopes of the Italians.

The latest rumors assert that M. FULB and Count PRASADORE, have both tendered their resignations, but there is nothing certain.

It was reported that M. FOURN was about to visit M. BRETTEL, and make a speech there which will create a sensation in politics and commerce.

Marshal CAVALIERE is appointed commander of the Military Division of Lyons, and the Duke of Magenta that of Nancy.

The *Times*' Paris correspondent reports that the Emperor returned from Biarritz in a very ultramarine spirit. What may be the cause of this sudden change, from indifference to plety seems to puzzle France. The latest phase of the Imperial mind gives the victory for a time to the priestly party. No doubt, for the present, there is an end to all thoughts of an evacuation of Rome.

The Bourse on the 17th was firm: Rentes 71½, 25c.

ITALY.

It was stated that the withdrawal of M. THOUVENEL from the French Ministry created an immense sensation at Torino, and the rumor that RAZZINI had resigned received some credence.

There are also vague rumors from Rome that Cardinal ANTONELLI and Mons. MASONI had tendered their resignations.

It was reported that Prince JAMES DE LA TOUR D'AUDAVERT 36 to be the new French Minister to Rome.

PORTUGAL.

The Japanese Embassadors had reached Lisbon.

DENMARK.

A dispatch from EARL RUSSELL to the Danish Government, dated Sept. 24, on the Schleswig-Holstein question, is published. It expresses very unfavorable views of the Danish claims on the German Duchies, and recommends the Danish Government to cancel the common Constitution for Denmark and Schleswig. The Danish Government in reply positively declines to accept the recommendations of Earl Russell.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Liverpool, Saturday, Oct. 19—P. M.

The *Times* to-day is silent on American affairs.

THE DAILY NEWS BRIEFLY POINTS TO THE DESTRUCTION AND BARBARISM OF THE SLAVE DRIVERS, AS EVIDENCED BY THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFEDERATE CONGRESS.

The *Morning Herald* reports to Sir E. G. LEWIS speech regarding America, and again argues in opposition thereto. It says that the time has arrived for the recognition of the South, and that the greatest mistake future times will point out in the foreign policy of Lord PALMERSTON will be the long delay in recognizing the Confederates.

INDIA AND CHINA.

Calcutta, Saturday, Sept. 27.

Later from the Central and South American States.

PANAMA.

From Our Own Unrespondent.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

Failure of the Attempt at Fusina—A Revolution Expected in Nicaragua—Fear of Fittlibusters, &c.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

SOUTH AMERICA.

News from Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chile.

land and France were everywhere counted, and the "savages" of North America were despised and contemned. I have written out, as above, a short account of this banquet to Dr. Macsia, for the double purpose of showing that late events have proved to

and horses being as fine as possible. The troops marched down the lower side of the street and came to a rest. At precisely 3, to a moment—the official time of the ceremony, the line was formed a fac-

terrible effects of the rebellion. The Colonel was greeted in turn with three hearty cheers, when the procession, with quick step, inspired by a lively tune, turned down Camp-street to the Park Hotel, where

Board of Aldermen, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of M. Ward for the sum of one hundred and seventy-nine dollars and three cents, to enable him to pay an erroneous assessment for sewer in Fifth-avenue, near Henry, and Second-street, and charge the same to account of donations.

holders of Rennie's drafts, accepted by Sturgis, Shaw & Co., seeking to secure the application of the assigned property to the payment of those drafts, and to prevent its seizure by the creditors at large of

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

WALLACE'S BOSSO PATRONS.

WINTER GARDEN—THE LADY OF LYONS.

HIMLO'S GARDEN—JACK CABE.

GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—No. 48 Broadway—The Possession of Lorraine.

HARVARD'S MUSKUM—BILLYMANTY COLORED TROPICAL PAINT and other Colours, at all hours—PAINTERS OF COLOURS AND STICKS, Afternoon and Evening.

GEORGE CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS—Hall of Mirth—No. 106 Broadway—Tavern with JAPAN.

HOPE CHAPEL—THE LADY OF LYONS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—ITALIAN OPERA.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Our advice from the Army of the Potomac this morning are highly important, and explain the heavy commencing spoken of in our dispatches yesterday. Gen. FLEASANTON came up with the enemy's cavalry and artillery at Phillimont, about 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and engaged them. The fight was conducted wholly by artillery, and lasted about five hours, when the rebels retreated to Union, a small town three miles beyond. Our loss in this affair was but one man killed, and fourteen wounded. Yesterday morning, Gen. FLEASANTON renewed his attack at Union, and being soon afterward reinforced by a brigade of infantry, at 1 o'clock the rebels again fell back, and our forces occupied Union. In the afternoon, the firing in that direction was very heavy until dark, but no further results are known. A heavy shot was observed at Ashby's Gap yesterday, indicating a movement of some kind by the rebels, but in what direction could not be ascertained. Another portion of our army took possession of Snicker's Gap yesterday, and some firing was heard there in the afternoon, following the movement of a rebel force along the west side of the mountain, but what it amounted to we have not yet heard.

We learn from our special correspondent at Centerville, that a train of cars on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad was captured by the rebels on Friday, this side of Manassas Junction, where it had been to carry a party of workmen engaged in making repairs on the road. The train was torn up by the rebels, and the train thrown off the track. Sixty workmen were captured, together with thirty soldiers belonging to the Fifty-eighth New-York Volunteers, detailed as a guard.

An expedition from Marshallfield, Mo., last week succeeded in routing and scattering a party of 200 rebels eight miles from that place, killing and wounding a number, and capturing 27 prisoners, including a captain, a number of horses, small arms, &c.

We have a rumor by way of Corinth, that *Mobile has been captured*. The report was brought in by rebel prisoners taken by our scouts. It is well known that our forces in the Gulf have been preparing for an attack upon Mobile, and there is no reason why the report should not be true.

We give this morning a list of eight additional vessels known to have been captured by the rebel pirate *Alabama*, or "290," six of which were burned, and the other two released under heavy bonds. The intelligence of these captures was brought to Boston by the brig *Baron de Cuvier*, one of the released vessels, which was captured while on a voyage from Bangor to Cardenas.

By the arrival at this port of the steamers *Manzanita* and *Croix*, we receive advices from New-Orleans to the 25th ult., inclusive. We find in the *Delta* of the 23d a brief account of the expedition which captured Sabine Pass, of which we have already received some intelligence from the rebels. This affair was a most brilliant one throughout, reflecting great credit upon all engaged in it—excepting the rebels. The vessels engaged were the United States steamer *Kensington*, Acting Master Crocker commanding; the United States schooner *Seaman*, and the bomb-schooner *Jonas*, Capt. PENNINGTON. The expedition, within fifteen days, captured one fort and two camps, and burned thirty buildings used as barracks and storehouses, containing a large amount of ammunition and provisions. It also captured four schooners, two sloops and one steamer, besides quite a number of sunken vessels, which were burned. The aggregate number of persons who have taken the oath of allegiance in New-Orleans is about 60,000.

The United States steam transport *United States*, which arrived on Saturday night, from Port Royal on the 29th ult., brings the report that just before she sailed a rumor was prevalent that the *Savannah* was coming down the river.

Wm. Wood, Superintendent of the Old Capitol Prison, who went South not long since with the rebels, who had been prisoners in his charge, to exchange them, returned to Washington on Saturday, but without the loyal men held as prisoners by the rebels, whom he was expected to bring back with him. It is, however, understood that his mission was completely successful, and that those he went after will soon follow him, the order for their release having been given before he left Richmond.

The *Wheeling Intelligencer* learns from a gentleman who arrived there on Thursday, from Jackson County, that the rebels under JENKINS have repossessed the town of Ripley, and are spreading themselves all over the surrounding country. It is also ascertained that the rebels under Gen. LOHR, having been reinforced by Gen. FLOYD, have returned to Charleston, Kanawha, and intend to make a stand there.

Gen. STANLEY, who commands a division of the army, near Corinth, made an address to his soldiers, a few days ago, in which he said: "Remember that we are solving with our bayonets one of the great questions of history—the domination of caste; the question whether a cruel oligarchy, who, forgetful of that simple and sublime command of our Savior, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself,' claims the right to live upon the unrequited labor of his neighbors, shall rule and dictate the destinies of our country."

GENERAL NEWS.

By the arrival at this port of the steamship *Edinburgh*, we have advices from Europe to the 16th ult., and the *Ararat* at Halifax brings us intelligence three days later still—to the 19th. It was reported by the *Speranza* correspondent of the *Daily News* that two rebel privateers were in the Mediterranean, and that they had already destroyed a dozen American vessels; but the impression was that the report grew out of the raid of the "290" among the whalers off the Western Isles; American affairs were being very generally discussed by the British Press, and the howl for recognition was almost universal among them. Mr. OLIVANTON'S views being very generally ignored, Lord PALMERSTON had been making several

speeches at Winchester, but he carefully abstained from any allusion to America. The French Foreign Minister, had resigned, and Baron DE L'EVRE had been appointed his successor. There were rumors of further changes, but nothing definite. There is nothing else of special importance from the Continent. The sales of cotton in the Liverpool market for the week had been only 15,500 bales, and the market closed dull and nominal, at a decline of 1 1/2 d. @ 2 1/2 d. under heavy arrivals from India. Breadstuffs and provisions were both declining. Consols were quoted at 93 1/2 for money.

The steamship *Ocean Queen* arrived at this port yesterday, from San Francisco, on the 25th ult. She brings the mails, passengers and treasure—over a million—from California. Interesting details of news from the United States of Colombia, and Central and South America, are given in our special correspondence. Full confirmation of the news of the triumph of MOSQUERA and the Reactionists had reached Panama. In Panama, the difficulties between the Church and State, growing out of the Mosquera Mortmain decree, had been temporarily settled, and the churches had been reopened. The attempt to foment a rebellion in States of Central America had failed, and there was a prospect that active hostilities would soon break out among them. The Nicaragua Transit Company apprehended trouble in the conveyance of passengers across that country. From the South American States the news is not specially important. A conspiracy to overthrow the Government in Ecuador had been discovered and frustrated.

At a great meeting of merchants held, on Saturday afternoon, in the Produce Exchange, a resolution was passed nominating Gen. HENRY W. WALLACE as the National Democratic Union Republican candidate for the next Congress, in the Fourth District. The resolution was received with acclamation, and Gen. WALLACE, who presided, delivered an address, which excited the greatest enthusiasm. In the course of his remarks, he reproduced many documents shedding new light upon the inner history of the war, and placing his own private services in brilliant relief. When he had concluded, Gen. WALLACE formally nominated the speaker, subject to the approval of the Convention, and the General having put the question himself, his nomination was unanimously ratified and vociferously applauded. During the evening, the new candidate spoke at no less than six different stations in this district, to immense crowds, the meeting at the Fifth Ward Hotel being especially successful and enthusiastic.

Rev. Dr. CHEEVER preached last night to a congregation which nearly filled the Church of the Puritans, a vehement discourse, in which he objected to the President's Proclamation of Emancipation, as coming too late, and as being partial, in that it assumed to take away the property of the rebels, and instead of promising unconditional emancipation, promised to take back even rebels. Slavery and all, if they would come before the 1st of January.

On Saturday night, Hon. CASIMIR M. CLAY and Gen. F. THAYER met at the Cooper Institute, and discussed the practical question of a large audience, the question of Slavery. The audience was uproarious and enthusiastic, the discussion personal and discursive. Our report was crowded over from Saturday's issue, and the matter is now with the thing of the past.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The names of WILLIAM E. DODGE, for Street Commissioner, were rejected by 7 to 5. The Comptroller reported that from the 25th to the close of October, the receipts into the City Treasury amounted to \$759,826.28, and the expenditures to \$1,324,468.39, leaving a balance on hand at the beginning of November amounting to \$2,369,512.32. The Board concurred in the amendment made by the Councilmen to the resolution directing the taking up and relaying of the Croton aqueduct main, and which specifies that the work shall be done, "provided" the Croton Board do by contract, in the manner laid down in the Charter. The "provided" is a condition made to deprive the privilege given them by the Charter of the right to do the work themselves, if they choose, in cases where the Common Council have ordered it to be contracted for. The Board adjourned till 1 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

The Board of Councilmen met at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The only important business transacted was the adoption of a preamble and resolution by Mr. WOOD, that other cities having secured their quotas of troops by offering unusually attractive bounties, and New York being behindhand in raising her quota, the Committee on National Affairs are instructed to "report the expediency of increasing the municipal bounty of \$3.00 to \$2.00," in order to avoid a draft. The Board adjourned till next Thursday afternoon at five o'clock.

It has been stated that the pirate steamer 290, derived its name from the fact that 290 English merchants subscribed to the funds with which it was built. The *Richmond Dispatch*, however, says: "The origin of the name of the 290 is this: By a regulation of the Admiralty, all the English shipbuilders number the ships constructed at their respective yards, previous to their being named, which is usually done at the launching. The 290 was the 290th ship built at that particular yard, and being designed for foreign owners, she kept her number in lieu of a name."

A company of pearl-divers, with their machinery, will go from Panama to Manzanillo in November, to dive for the gold of the *Golden Gate*. Others, from San Francisco, will go there for the purpose; and still another party, from New-York, will sail through Panama, to get the wrecked gold, week before last. Work, on account of the surf, cannot be begun until December.

At the present price of cotton, duck, a suit of sails for a ship of 1,000 tons would cost not less than \$3,500, not including bolt-rope manufacture, &c., reckoning 7,500 yards for the suit, at an average price of 75 cents per yard. For a ship of 1,000 tons No. 3 duck is used, which weighs one pound to the yard, a fact that will give some adequate idea of the amount of cotton used, as well as the weight of a suit of sails.

The Stock market, on Saturday, left off dull and lower on the Railways: steady on Governments. Gold 140 1/2 @ 141; Exchange 144 @ 144 1/2 % cent.

Flour was dull and heavy, lower on Saturday. Wheat was in fair demand, but at a moderate price. Corn was in good request, and sound lots were dearer. A fair business was transacted in Cotton, Coffee, Hops, Fruit, Hay, Pork, Butter, Cheese, Tallow, Tobacco and Wool at former quotations. Beef, Lard, Butter and Whisky were in less demand, and were less buoyant. The freight market was inactive.

MORE REBEL PRIVATEERING.—It is a sickening record we have, to-day, of the continued depredations of the rebel privateer *Alabama*, on American Commerce. Eight more vessels have fallen into her power, and six of the number have been destroyed. And her ability seems quite as great to capture or sink eighty as eight and the impunity as perfect. Merchantmen are helpless; they have not the speed to escape a steamer, nor the power and to fight. They can only surrender, be pillaged, burned. In this kind of warfare, the odds are a thousand to one against us. The rebels have comparatively no commerce afloat; whilst every sea is white with ours. When they let fly a privateer, it is like sending a hawk into a flock of barn-yard fowls, or turning a wolf into a sheep-cote. The only business is to slay and eat.

We might try to stir up the Navy Department to a realizing sense of the shame and frightful cost of these disasters; and we do most earnestly urge upon the Department to do all that is possible in the premises. In the light of the terrible facts which are now so frequently brought to us from Europe, and the more terrible ones which may justly be feared, we implore it for activity. To suffer our commerce to be destroyed at this juncture, is to suffer our country to be destroyed. We have two or three fast steamships, some of them public and others private property, which, under bold and daring Captains, would certainly chase from the sea any of the fast

the highways of commerce, this rebel privateer. Each day's delay may cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars. New-York is deeply stirred in this matter; and, in behalf of its overshadowing commercial interests—not to speak of the honor of the nation—we hope that every energy of the Navy Department will at once be brought into play.

The State Election.

Within the last ten days the Union cause has made rapid and immense progress in every section of the State. There is not a county of which this is not strictly and literally true. At the outset of the canvass the Union men, ex-hunted by their constant and energetic efforts in raising volunteers for the war, came slowly up to the work. They were unquestionably surpassed by the Seymour men who had been lying back for this political campaign, and who opened it with great vigor and energy, and with great confidence of success. They have had, moreover, the aid of the *Liquor Dealers' Association*, who have perfected their organization, raised large amounts of money, and resolved, in State convention, to pay no attention to the political affairs of the country, but to devote themselves wholly to their personal interests as sellers of rum.

As soon, however, as the loyal men of the State perceived the real drift of affairs, and that the cause of the Union was in danger of being betrayed to rebels and traitors through their inactivity, they rallied with vigor and energy, and have completely turned the political tide. In every county and town their organization has been perfected; they have made a complete and thorough canvass, bringing the issues involved in the election close home to every voter, and pushing forward the good cause with the same energy which marked their exertions in support of the war.

In spite of the great excess of Republican voters who have volunteered for the war, and in spite of the utmost efforts of the Seymour men and the liquor dealers, to throw this State into the scale of the rebellion as against the Government, we believe it to be safe for WARREN by from 15,000 to 25,000 majority. If the canvass could go on for ten days longer, this could easily be made 50,000. All that is necessary now to insure success, is for the Union men to see to it that every legal voter goes to the polls. Let there be no failure in this, anywhere!

"The People's Union."

In such political emergencies as the present, designing demagogues are quite certain to prostitute popular names to the promotion of their selfish ends; and it becomes especially incumbent on all loyal citizens to see to it that they are not misled by these tricks of unscrupulous factiousness.

In the call of the Union State Convention, and of the various local Conventions for the nomination of Union candidates, the *Republicans and Union men have acted together*. Special pains were taken to secure to both a perfectly just and fair representation in all these Conventions, and the nominations that have been made do represent the actual preferences of the great body of both these parties, as nearly as those preferences can ever be arrived at. As a matter of course, individual aspirants have been disappointed in some cases, and designing intriguers, who had special political purposes to serve, have been foiled. Acting upon their resentments, and anxious to ruin where they fail to rule, these men have set on foot machinery by which they hope to defeat the Union candidates in districts which they failed to control.

The "People's Union," as it is called, seems to be an organization of this sort. The men who figure as its leaders took part in the Republican or Union movement until they failed to carry out their schemes, and then formed this new organization to secure revenge. We infer this from the fact that they have made factious nominations of third candidates for almost every local office for which they did not themselves secure or control the nomination. They are backing up the nomination of Mr. BURR in the Sixth Congressional District, for no other purpose than to defeat Mr. CONKLING. In a card published yesterday they confess that the object of nominating Mr. BURR originally "by an independent and wholly unauthorized movement, was to force him upon the other parties. In that card they say:

"Mr. BURR being waited upon by a committee, and asked if he would accept the nomination, and run under any circumstances, replied that he would. Up to this time no other nomination for Congress had been made in the District, and it was supposed that this expression of feeling on the part of the people would have caused the adoption of Mr. BURR by the Republicans, he having always affiliated with that party. But notwithstanding Mr. BURR's nomination and acceptance, and his expressed determination to run, notwithstanding he had been posted and advertised as such candidate, when the Republican Convention met, Mr. FARRINGTON A. CONKLING was nominated—and immediately, in a lengthy speech, accepted the nomination and declared his intention to run."

The Convention by which Mr. CONKLING was nominated was composed of delegates elected by the Union men, as well as Republicans, and was, in every sense, the just and true representative of both these parties. Finding that their project of forcing Mr. BURR upon them as a candidate had thus failed, they are pursuing the same course in the Assembly Districts, where Republican and Union candidates were likely to be elected. In the Seventh District they are running Dr. E. V. PRICE, an employee of the Comptroller's office, for the purpose of defeating Mr. STEWART, the regular candi-

diate. In the Fifth District, they are also running a candidate against Mr. BRADY, and in the Ninth they have made a nomination for the purpose of defeating Mr. VAN VOSS. Whatever action they take anywhere seems to aim at the defeat of the regular Republican and Union nominees and the election of their Seymourite opponents. This, of itself, sufficiently stamps the character of the movement, and shows that it is either secretly in sympathy with the secession managers, or what is practically the same thing, that it makes the Union cause subordinate and subservient to the gratification of its personal and factious resentments.

We trust the loyal and well-disposed electors will be on their guard against these mischievous and malevolent designs. Let them see to it that their votes are cast so as to secure the election of Union men, and this can be done only by giving them to the regular nominees of the Republican and Union parties.

Financial Hazards of Tuesday's Election.

On Saturday last, a poll was kept at certain business places down town, where bankers and capitalists congregated, with the view of finding how the canvass is going in such classes between WARREN and SEYMOUR. To the surprise of those initiating the test, it was found that eighteen-twentieths were going for WARREN.

And we doubt not this fact will create very general surprise; for the idea has got abroad in some way that the Money-Bags of New-York are strongly tainted with secession sympathy. But a little reflection will explain the error of this view. Omitting all considerations of patriotism in the matter, there is enough in the mere selfishness of human nature to make the New-York Money Kings earnest in support of the Government and the war. Our capitalists have taken too much stock in the Government, to be willing for it to come to an untimely and ruinous end, by the triumph of Secession and the final overthrow of the Union.

Mr. SEYMOUR and his main advocate, JOHN VAN BUREN, may talk of peace, but they know, and the capitalists of New-York know, that there can be no peace with the revolted States, at present, save on the basis of their separation forever from the Union. They declare this on all occasions, in all modes, and in the most unmistakable manner. Suppose Mr. SEYMOUR elected, then—the military power of the State of New-York in his hands, and his scheme of "peace and compromise" put in motion. He will be at once in direct conflict with the National authorities. The latter cannot afford to go to war with the New-York State constitutional authorities—and the result will be, New-York State will stand off from the support of the National Government, and chaos will be come again in all the North! What, then, will our "National Government" be worth? Will there be any such thing as a National Government any longer? And if there be a form of such Government still, what will be its power, its unity, its reliability, its resources? What will its debt of one thousand millions of dollars, incurred in a "fruitless war," be worth, cent. per cent., in the market?

Wall-street has too deep a stake in the result of the war to be willing to have it crumble in humiliating National defeat, and the rending of the Union. And not Wall-street only, but Broadway and the Bowery, and every other street in New-York and in every other city, in which so much of the nation's wealth exists in the form of the Government's vouchers and securities, will be compelled, by self-interest, as much as by pure patriotism, to resist an end of the war so disastrous as this. And thousands who are believed to sympathize politically with Mr. SEYMOUR, and almost to desire his triumph, will yet recoil from the consequences that might attend his election, and will vote to-morrow against him. And this will be financial as well as political wisdom.

THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.—Hon. FREDERICK A. CONKLING is the regular Union and Republican candidate for Congress in the Sixth District, composed of the Ninth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth Wards; and unless the friends of the Government suffer themselves to be misled and divided, his election is certain. It seems especially unfortunate that, in a district so clearly controlled by loyal men, personal resentments among themselves should be allowed to throw it into the hands of their opponents.

Mr. ORISON BURR, who allows himself to be run, is a respectable and worthy man, and his loyalty is not questioned; but he has no claim to support on any ground of having been regularly nominated,—there is not the slightest chance of his election and every vote cast for him aids the election of the Seymour candidate. He was first put in nomination by ten or twelve individuals who did not even claim to represent any political organization or to represent anybody but themselves. Their object in this proceeding, as they have since avowed, was to force the Republicans and Union men to nominate Mr. BURR, instead of Mr. CONKLING, who had served the District one term faithfully and creditably, and whose re-nomination was expected, as a matter of course. The attempt did not succeed, and now Mr. BURR is run for the sole purpose of defeating Mr. CONKLING. We are surprised that he should lend himself to a proceeding so clearly factious in its origin and so damaging to the Government in its effects. Mr. CONKLING has offered to withdraw, if Mr. BURR will do the same, and give place to a fresh candidate, so as to save the District; but this reasonable proposition was declined.

We call upon the loyal voters of that District to see to it that it is not thrown away. It is quite possible that many true men may have personal objections to Mr. CONKLING,—but they should not let such considerations control their votes in so important a crisis as the present. Mr. BURR's support is confined almost exclusively to the Fifteenth Ward, where he is presented as a candidate "by a party of party." This in one sense is true; he is not a candidate of any party, but only

of a faction. Every vote cast for him is virtually cast for ELIJAH WARD.

We commend to public attention the card published in another column on this subject, by well-known citizens of the District.

New-Jersey Politics.

While the canvass in New-York is conducted with unusual excitement and vigor, our sister State of New-Jersey is also at this moment the theatre of an unprecedented political contest. Parties there, as here, have ranged themselves into two divisions, which are well characterized as the Peace Party or Submissionists, and the Unconditional Union or War Party. The indications now are that the latter will to-morrow carry the State. The candidate presented by the Union men of New-Jersey—MARCUS L. WARD, of Newark—is a gentleman who, from the very commencement of the struggle, has given his whole time and influence to the cause of the Union, and to the interests and comfort of the soldiers in the field. Of a generous as well as statesmanlike character, his large and enlightened patriotism has been unremitting in every effort, both to sustain the Government, and to lighten the burden of the soldier. He has, without a thought of remuneration, completely devoted himself to the soldier. He has organized and systematized a method of forwarding the pay of the volunteers to their families, taking charge personally of the distribution of the money, and he has always been in advance of the tardy Government payments with sums from his private purse, reaching many thousands of dollars. He has lent a ready and sympathetic ear to the wants of those dependent upon the gallant men who are fighting their country's battles, writing their letters, sedulously guarding their interests, protecting them from imposition, and in all respects acting toward the thousands who looked to him for help, as a father or friend. He has personally and frequently visited the various military camps and hospitals, to ascertain their condition, and minister to the wants of the sick and wounded. He has been the founder of a noble hospital at Newark, designed first for New-Jersey volunteers, but afterward being found by the Government so admirably appointed, it was adopted as a United States institution, and now contains over 1,500 patients from all parts of the Union. It is no wonder, therefore, that Mr. WARD is idolized by the soldiers, who have bestowed upon him the title of the "Soldier's Friend," a prouder title than that of Lord or Prince. It is the almost unanimous desire of the New-Jersey contribution to the army that Mr. WARD should be elected Governor; for they feel that, understanding their wants, and with his heart enlisted in their welfare, their interests and comfort would be greatly advanced under his management of State affairs.

For the past eight years the active benevolence of Mr. WARD has caused him to see that no letter dropped unpaid into the Post through ignorance or neglect, was for an instant detained on that account. But quietly and unostentatiously, as good men always act, for all that time he has continued to prepay such letters. Hundreds of other instances of his munificent benevolence might be mentioned, which have been brought to light, but it is unnecessary to do so at present. The light of his charity has forced itself, notwithstanding his own modesty, upon the knowledge of the world. It is for these reasons, as well as because of his great ability and unquestioned loyalty, that those who love the Union, and desire to see this unholy rebellion crushed, have chosen him as their candidate.

The people of New-Jersey will be doing themselves an honor, and their country and its army a great service, by seeing that he is triumphantly elected, as it is now almost certain he will be.

GEN. WALLBRIDGE IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT.—Gen. WALLBRIDGE's tour of his District on Saturday was a complete ovation. The electors, led given up, in despair, the expectation of offering any opposition to BEN. WOOL, and had settled down into a sullen indifference as to their fate. The sudden appearance of Gen. WALLBRIDGE was hailed with all the enthusiasm that men can feel and express when a great and threatened calamity is averted. We can neither hear nor hear of a single individual that really wishes to vote for Wool; on the contrary, he is thoroughly detested by every class in the district. He has not a redeeming quality. Cold and selfish, he expected to make the canvass without exhibiting himself to the people. He thought he had a sure thing, and that he could well afford to spend his time on Long Island. Such has been the force of party machinery that billeted out the district to Wool, that resistance was almost given up as hopeless. But the change wrought in a few hours, that Gen. WALLBRIDGE had consented to run, was magical. The Corn Exchange led off with a grand ratification meeting at half-past one. From thence Gen. WALLBRIDGE proceeded on a tour through the district, speaking to large audiences that collected on a new moment's notice in the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Wards. Everywhere was he met with the same outburst of enthusiasm, which was intensified as it became more and more apparent that Mr. Wool would be nowhere in the contest. To-day, the General makes another triumphal march through the district, speaking at short intervals and receiving the congratulations of the public.

THE ONLY TRUE LOYALTY.—He that is not for me is against me," said the author of our religion; and by it he meant unqualified, unconditional, unhesitating, uncompromising devotion. He knew no other kind of fidelity. There is no acceptance of duty to Him with ifs and buts. Neither ought there to be in the most sacred of all earthly obligations—duty to country. The man who subordinates patriotism to this or that object, who makes it dependent upon this or that condition, is not a true patriot. The man who inclines to meet treason half way, and parley

with it, and make terms with it, is himself half a traitor at heart. Treason is a crime which we do not compound, or compromise with. When the rebels lay down their arms, then, and not till then, may there be talk of an adjustment,—and even then an adjustment only under that Federal Constitution which is "the supreme law of the land."

THE CONSTITUTION AS IT IS.—This is one of the pet phrases of the Seymourites; and yet there is not an intelligent man among them who does not know that JEFF. DAVIS and his crew would never come back to the Constitution as it is. They would demand new guarantees for Slavery, which would necessitate an amendment of the Constitution. "This Seymourite cry is the sheerest humbug. There is really but one party which is in favor of preserving the Constitution as it is, and that is the Union War Party, which knows no other peace with the rebels than unconditional submission to the Constitution."

CONSISTENCY.—The *World* flouts at one of the Union War candidates as having "been once a bar-tender, and asks whether 'the barrels of a grog-shop are to be the stepping-stones to the high places of honor and trust,' and yet the same print is lending (?) itself to the support of HORATIO SEYMOUR, the pet candidate of the "Liquor Dealers' Association." Out upon such impudence!

FREE SPEECH.—The Seymourites clamor that they are deprived of the right of speech, and yet daily utter, with perfect impunity, the most treasonable sentiments. Their own tongues belie them.

The Gubernatorial Canvass in New-Jersey—The Soldiers for Ward.

The following appeal, signed by all the New-Jersey soldiers now in the hospital at Newark, has been published in the New-Jersey papers:

"The subscribers, soldiers in the army, now in Hospital from wounds and sickness, would express our gratitude for the untiring kindness and aid of our comrades, who have come from the sphere of his influence, have received from MARCUS L. WARD, of Newark, N. J. He is truly the friend of the soldier. We are in the field, he sees to the wants of our families; if necessary, advances our pay, aids our correspondence; extricates us from every difficulty. When sick or wounded, he visits, tells us how to get on, and all depends upon us. It is a gift to many of us that we cannot, at all times, testify our sense of his loyalty, ability and goodness, by actions as well as words. We earnestly urge upon our comrades and friends—all who value our blood and suffering—to act for us in this matter, and whatever their politics, vote for the man who deserves everything at our hands, the patriotic and self-sacrificing MARCUS L. WARD."

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 2.

THE OPERATIONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF ALDIE.

SEYMOUR'S late operations in the neighborhood of Aldie do not occasion great excitement here. It is expected by some that his next dash will be with the view of carrying the President or Gen. McCLELLAN, and as his enterprises are uniformly successful, some apprehension is felt for their safety.

The news received here to-night from the vicinity of Aldie and Middleburg show that no important operations have taken place, beyond skirmishing between FLEASANTON and SEYMOUR, in which the losses on our side were very slight.

THE MILITARY COMMISSION.

The Military Commission closed the testimony in the Harper's Ferry case with that of Gen. WOOL, and will now proceed to make up the record. The voluminous evidence taken will render this a work of some days, and till it is concluded, neither the Commission nor the Court of Inquiry in Gen. McDOWELL's case can proceed to any other business, unless the composition of the latter Court shall be changed, which is not impossible, in order to enable the Military Commission to examine the important matters expected to be brought before it.

GEN. MC CALL.

Gen. McCALL, who is still suffering from his recent sickness, is at Willard's. He is preparing evidence in relation to the part taken by the Pennsylvania reserves in the battle of Malvern Hill, where, as has been admitted, they saved the commands of HARRISMAN and FRANKLIN from being cut off from the main body by LEE, MAGUIRES and LOUNGBERRY.

FIRE IN A GOVERNMENT WAREHOUSE.

A fire broke out this evening in the Government warehouse on Maryland-avenue. The building, stored with hay, was destroyed; loss, \$500. The Army-square Hospital at one time was in great danger.

A PROGRAMME FOR DIVIDING THE UNION.

Advices received here from various sources leave no doubt that a concerted effort is being made by disunionists North, as well as South, and with the sympathy and co-operation of foreign enemies of the Union, to create a public sentiment in favor of letting our "wayward sisters depart in peace." The unexpected result of the late elections has done much to inspire the operators in this enterprise; and they conceive nothing to be wanting to soil success but a Democratic majority in the State of New-York, and a Democratic majority in the next House of Representatives. With these advantages gained, they consider themselves sufficiently strong for the card of foreign intervention, which is withheld only to be played at the decisive point in the game; and then they reckon on the exhaustion, cupidity and fears of the North for consent to a suspension of hostilities, and a convention for the purpose of agreeing to a boundary.

On the other hand, it is apparent, from other reliable statements, that in this scheme the political temper of the Northwest, on which they reckon largely, is misunderstood. Whenever the "disunion men" of the Atlantic States shall consent to discuss the question of a boundary, the whole attitude of the New States will change, and the theory of a line dividing the North and the South will be set aside at once for another, separating the Atlantic States from the Valley of the Mississippi. All the elements of the present insurrection originated in the Old States; and once let the theory of disunion be tolerated, the "Allegiances" will be found assuming the character of a barrier, while the great river of the continent will resume the full political strength, a fraction of which has retained Missouri and Kentucky in the Union, and will render Louisiana and Texas easy conquests.

These parties, too, are counting largely on the timidity of the President, whom they believe to be bewildered and deceived by the results of the elections in the West and in Pennsylvania, and they equally boast here that the election of SEYMOUR will be followed by an immediate recall of his Emancipation Proclamation, and a virtual submission to the demands of the Peace Democracy.

GEN. McCLELLAN INQUIRING THE ROAD TO RICHMOND.

MOND. McCLELLAN was last week telegraphing to Gen. HARRISMAN about the several railroads leading to Richmond, and their capacity for conveying troops. Gen. HARRISMAN answered that condition of the roads by way of Fredericksburg—owing to the fact that the bridges had been burnt along the line, and that many places the track taken up—was such as to be

and Broadway, THIS (Monday) EVENING, Nov. 2,
7:30 o'clock. CHARLES GOULD, President.
R. J. VANDERBUSH, Secretary.

REPUBLICAN UNION NOMINATION FOR
Assembly, Ninth District, Sixteenth Ward,
HOOVER C. VAN VORSE.

DRY GOODS.
MERINOES.
Well made, well assorted, received per steamer Borealis, and Australian, new open, at retail.
ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.,
Canal-st., corner of Mercer.

REAL LACES.
AND
EMBROIDERIES.
An elegant, choice, well made, and by the yard.
ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.,
Canal-st., corner of Mercer.

CLOAKS AND MANTILLAS.
Full stock now open at retail.
ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.,
Canal-st., corner of Mercer.

AT LEBRAGINS.
SILKS, OTTOMANS, POPLINS AND REPE.
From America.
Will be offered for sale this week, at prices much below the cost of importation.

Extra Rich Silk, \$30 the Dress, worth \$40.
Extra Fancy Silk, \$1 per yard, worth \$1.50.
Extra Broad Silk, \$1.50, worth \$2.25.
Black Silks at 25 per cent under market prices.
Extra Plain Ottoman, all sizes, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00, worth \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50.
POPLIN SMALL PLAIN, superior quality.
As pretty as silk.
At \$1.15 and \$1.50 per yard, 14 yards wide.
Large to import, \$1.40 and \$2.
Costly assortment of Mourning Goods, and BALMORAL SKIRTS.
Most noticeable.
300 pieces Figured REPE, double width, at 80c. per yard, really worth \$1.

LEBRAGIN, No. 720 Broadway,
corner Water-st., near New-York Hotel.

REAL CHAMBRAY GOUPOUR.
APPLICATION OF BURELLES, FLOUNCINGS, EDGINGS AND INSERTIONS.
The stock of an importer, amounting to \$50,000, and our own Loco Stock, together about \$75,000, to be sold below the cost of importation.

THIS SEASON.
This is an excellent opportunity to select in advance Black or White Shawls, Scarfs, Flouncings, and Bie for WEDDING PRESENTS.
"Point de Venise" Sets, from \$12 to \$40.
W. B. Merchants will find it to their interest to see this stock before buying from importers.
(No CASH GIVEN.)
LEBRAGIN, No. 720 Broadway,
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AT NO. 305 BROADWAY.
STRANG, ANDRAC & CO.,
Will offer at a low price, a
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF DRESS GOODS,
Purchased at the
GREAT AUCTION SALES
100 PIECES CHIEF SILKS, in high color,
Suitable for "Misses" and "Ladies" wear, with
WEDDING PRESENTS.
PLAIN POINT-DE-VENISE SILKS, in the new
mode of Purple, Blue, and Green, with large assort-
ment of FANCY and BLACK SILKS.
Also, a large assortment of
SHAWLS.
An elegant, choice, and fancy Plaid, Paris Brocade, with
also, closing out an inventory of
REAL INDIA SHAWLS, VERY CHEAP.
DRESS GOODS.

ON OPEN, A FINEST STOCK
OF THE LATEST FASHIONS FOR THE SEASON.
FANCY MERINOES, OTTOMANS, EMPRESS
CLOTHS, PLAIN AND BROUZE VLOURS,
TUIN CLOTHS, CLOTHS,
ALACAS, BOGZAS, CANTON CLOTHS,
Also,
complete stock of
WEDDING CLOAKS AND DRESS GOODS
FOR AUCTION, LARGE LOT OF
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From 12c to 25c, to 50c, to 75c, to 1.00, to 1.25, to 1.50, to 2.00, to 2.50, to 3.00, to 3.50, to 4.00, to 4.50, to 5.00, to 5.50, to 6.00, to 6.50, to 7.00, to 7.50, to 8.00, to 8.50, to 9.00, to 9.50, to 10.00, to 10.50, to 11.00, to 11.50, to 12.00, to 12.50, to 13.00, to 13.50, to 14.00, to 14.50, to 15.00, to 15.50, to 16.00, to 16.50, to 17.00, to 17.50, to 18.00, to 18.50, to 19.00, to 19.50, to 20.00, to 20.50, to 21.00, to 21.50, to 22.00, to 22.50, to 23.00, to 23.50, to 24.00, to 24.50, to 25.00, to 25.50, to 26.00, to 26.50, to 27.00, to 27.50, to 28.00, to 28.50, to 29.00, to 29.50, to 30.00, to 30.50, to 31.00, to 31.50, to 32.00, to 32.50, to 33.00, to 33.50, to 34.00, to 34.50, to 35.00, to 35.50, to 36.00, to 36.50, to 37.00, to 37.50, to 38.00, to 38.50, to 39.00, to 39.50, to 40.00, to 40.50, to 41.00, to 41.50, to 42.00, to 42.50, to 43.00, to 43.50, to 44.00, to 44.50, to 45.00, to 45.50, to 46.00, to 46.50, to 47.00, to 47.50, to 48.00, to 48.50, to 49.00, to 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FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Gen. McClellan's Forces Steadily Advancing.

ASHBY'S GAP IN OUR POSSESSION.

Piedmont Occupied by Gen. Pleasanton.

A Splendid Fight with Stuart's Cavalry.

The Rebels Forced to Break and Run.

The Approaches to Manassas and Chester Gaps Held by Our Troops.

CANNONADING AT MANASSAS GAP.

LATEST REPORTS FROM HEADQUARTERS.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1862—4:10 P. M.

Last night, it was uncertain whether the possession of Ashby's Gap would be contested or not. Every preparation was made to force it, if circumstances made it necessary, but the rebels retreated, this morning, leaving our troops in undisputed possession of the mountain. From the heights, a favorable view of the Shenandoah Valley was had, but no large body of the enemy was to be seen. Winchester was plainly visible, and the intervening portion of the Valley.

The commands of cavalry and artillery under Gen. Pleasanton and Averell, occupied Piedmont last night. This morning they pushed on, and after a spirited skirmish, occupied Marquette. They now hold the approaches to Manassas and Chester Gaps, on the left of the Blue Ridge Mountain.

The rebel cavalry showed themselves to-day opposite Snicker's Gap, and were also visible from the Maryland Heights.

Gen. McClellan spent most of the afternoon at the top of Ashby's Gap, taking observations in the Shenandoah Valley.

SPECIAL DISPATCH FROM HARPER'S FERRY.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Nov. 5.

The following is from our special correspondent, dated Harper's Ferry, Nov. 4:

Some of the enemy's cavalry came within two miles of our pickets at Bolivar Heights last night and carried off three men, one of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment New-York and the other two of the Fourteenth Pennsylvania. A Lieutenant reported having seen distinctly a body of cavalry, numbering at least 100 men, appear and disappear in the woods when they were taken, but too rapidly for any shots to be directed against them.

The woods on Loudon Heights are on fire and present a magnificent spectacle.

Our pickets are reported to have been driven in at Sharpsburg last evening.

HARPER'S FERRY, Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Our correspondent sends the following:

UPPERVILLE, Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Yesterday Pleasanton's successful pursuit of Stuart was resumed. At 10 A. M. the enemy was placed in a very dangerous position, on the road leading from Union to Upperville, but after two hours' hard fighting, Pleasanton, joined by Averell, drove Stuart and his three thousand horsemen back till they broke and ran. They succeeded in making good their escape through Ashby's Gap.

Gen. McClellan's headquarters are at present at this place.

This morning Gen. Burns takes Col. Leasure's place in command of the First Division of the Ninth Army Corps.

There is every indication that both sides are seeking to bring on a great battle in this neighborhood, but citizens say the rebels savor of their intention to get back to Richmond as speedily as possible.

It is reported this morning that Averell made a dash on the Manassas Gap Railroad, and seized Piedmont. Six prisoners were captured, one belonging to A. P. Hill's Division, stationed just on the other side of the Gap. Several rebel wounded are in town.

CASUALTIES ON SUNDAY.

Killed.

John Theodore, Company E, Seventh Indiana.
T. Cummings, Company C, Ninety-fifth New-York.
LeRoy Stebbins, Company C, Eighth New-York Cavalry.
William Kilmer, Company D, Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania.
Caspar Moffat, Company F, Ninety-fifth New-York.
Wm. Oatman, Company B, Ninety-fifth New-York.
G. W. Rose, Company K, Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania.
Col. George H. Eilen, Eighth New-York Cavalry.
Bluelord Richardson, Company F, Seventh Indiana.
Joseph Gillespie, Fourth Pennsylvania.
W. T. Rozell, Company F, Seventh Indiana.
Thomas Burke, Company F, Seventh Indiana.
Eli H. Powell, Company D, Third Indiana Cavalry.
Jas. T. Hamilton, Company E, Seventh Indiana.
Wm. H. Hamilton, Company E, Seventh Indiana.
Wm. Boots, Company I, Seventh Indiana.
R. L. King, Company E, Seventh Indiana.
Wm. Oatman, Company C, Seventh Indiana.
E. W. Cumming, Company B, Seventh Indiana.
Levi Hussey, Company B, Seventh Indiana.
Wm. McGee, Company F, Seventh Indiana.

HARPER'S FERRY, Wednesday, Nov. 5.

A messenger just in from the front says that on Monday this side of Snicker's Gap, Porter's ammunition and supply train was twice attacked by rebel cavalry, nine of whom were taken prisoners.

Gen. Gorman reconnoitered up to Manassas Gap on Tuesday, and to-day (Wednesday) heavy cannonading was heard in that direction.

M. G. Ezzerop informs me that Gen. John W.

GRAVE made a reconnaissance towards Shenandoah this morning, by which 479 rebel prisoners and two deserters were captured. Oppenheimer and Oppenheimer, of the Seventh New-York. They were handed over to the Provost-Marshal.

LATEST REPORTS IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Nov. 5.

An officer of Pleasanton's Cavalry Brigade, who left Manassas Gap this morning, has just arrived, and reports that skirmishing had commenced before he left, and that from the steady booming of artillery which he heard while coming in, he was led to believe that at least a very heavy skirmish had been in progress at Manassas Gap throughout the day. This officer undoubtedly believes what he says, but so many false rumors in the same effect have been in circulation, that his story is regarded with suspicion.

REPORTS FROM MANASSAS JUNCTION.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Information from Manassas Junction this morning, says that the portion of Gen. Sigel's command sent forward to look after the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, found it in better condition than was anticipated to a point nearly up to Catlett's Station. The railroad bridge at Broad Run was found partially burned by the rebels, and its supports partly sawed through. It can, however, be easily and quickly repaired. Kettle Run bridge was found unharmed.

Our troops hold the country in the vicinity of Brentsville, and have driven in the patrolling rebel pickets upon Warrenton Junction. They, however, continue to scout down as low as Catlett's Station, and will doubtless destroy the Cedar Run Bridge, if they have not already done so.

The Manassas Railroad is in pretty good working order clear up to Thoroughfare Gap.

Information received last night indicates that the total rebel force at Warrenton Junction is not more than 3,000 infantry, with corresponding numbers of cavalry and artillery.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ADVANCE.

LETTER FROM SNICKERSVILLE.

SNICKERSVILLE NEAR THE GAP, Sunday, Nov. 3, 1862.

The army has made an excellent day's march since morning. The weather having been warm, yet being like the Indian Summer.

Porter's Corps, including the fine Regulars of Stuart's Division, with Warren's Brigade, Butterfield's Division, with Hancock, and the gallant and veteran troops of Manassas, have thronged the valley to-day, and filled up the roads for many miles in extent. Action, as well as the fine bracing atmosphere of these Virginia mountains seemed to inspire the men with a new enthusiasm, and they would occasionally burst into some old familiar chorus or cheerful song as they marched along. Leaving the Leesburg road to the left, about 10 o'clock A. M., we took the road to the right, which led us through "Woody Grove" and on toward Snicker's Gap.

The people of Loudon County, it may be remembered, voted strongly against the ordinance of secession, and there are still many good Union men to be found on this line of march; but the truth of history compels me to state that most of these confederates evidently hide their light under a bushel, while their rebel neighbors are bold and outspoken in their treason.

This valley, some twenty miles long, lying between the Blue Ridge and the short mountain on the East, is by no means a rich portion of the State, the land being very stony, and much of it unproductive. The farmers are mostly of the small class, and seem contented with making both ends meet, instead of trying, like their Maryland neighbors, to improve and get rich. The old and wasteful style of cultivating the land shows that the improvements which have been introduced elsewhere, have not yet found their way into this benighted region. I have not seen a school-house nor a church during the march, though I have no doubt there are such institutions which I may have overlooked. Every mile we have traveled away from the Potomac has brought us into a more decidedly marked secession community until here, in Snickersville, (Phonetic, what a name!) we generally demand Confederate money in place of Uncle Sam's, or any other Yankee article.

THE REBELS IN OUR FRONT.

We had several intimations, during the last ten miles of our march hither, that rebel scouts were hovering on our flanks, which turned out to be true, and on more than one occasion four or five mounted rebels were seen watching at a distance the movements of our troops. Throughout the day, yesterday, we heard heavy cannonading at intervals toward the Plains Station, on the Manassas road. To-day, as we neared this point, the firing was almost incessant in our front, at a distance of some eight or ten miles, and the rolling up of dense volumes of smoke from the batteries engaged. Judging this to be an engagement of Gen. Burnside with the rebel forces which he has thrown themselves between him and our advance columns, to prevent him from effecting a junction with us at Snicker's Gap, I was pressing on with all haste to the field of apperception, when I suddenly came upon a section of a Napoleon Battery standing guard in the road, only a quarter of a mile from the center of the village at the foot of Snicker's Gap. In a little seven by nine whitewashed cottage, Gen. MASON had established his temporary headquarters, who came out and gave me his usual cordial greeting.

MAJ. O'NEIL TAKEN PRISONER.

The General informed me that only half an hour before, his Assistant Adjutant-General, Maj. THOMAS O'NEIL, had been taken prisoner by some rebel cavalry, who were just in the edge of the woods on the road leading out of the town. They have no the blue jackets of our own cavalry, and thus more easily deceive our officers. Gen. MASON directed Maj. O'NEIL to take a small guide dog and proceed cautiously up the road and plant the flag where it might be seen, when, if the mounted men were our own, they would approach and make themselves known. The Major, however, proceeded straight into the line of the rebel scouts, who lay in ambush until he had passed, when they closed in behind him, and without firing a gun, demanded his surrender. He was immediately carried to the rear, and by this time is no doubt on his second journey to Richmond. Gen. MASON is very much exercised at this loss. Maj. O'NEIL is a very valuable assistant at this time. He is a native of this State, and a very brilliant man. He belonged to the Second Battalion New-York Artillery, and for some years was connected with the Fifth Hussars. After making their capture, the rebels fired on our pickets and made off.

"Had the Major any papers of value on his person," I asked.

"Nothing but a song, entitled, 'The Green old Flag,'" the General replied, with a little waggery. "I hope he will bring it to them until they let him go again," I replied.

OCCUPYING THE GAP.

A portion of Hancock's Division marched up and occupied the Gap, the Eighty-eighth New-York—Mrs. MASON's own regiment—being deployed as skirmishers, with their right resting on the road, and their left on the crest of the Blue Ridge. The rebels, in large force, judging from their canons, are encamped opposite to the Gap, on the west side of the Shenandoah—some three and a half miles distant.

RENOVATED CONDITION OF THE ARMY.

The army, I think, appear in better trim, and more in the humor for an active campaign than I have ever seen them before. An excellent acquisition to the effective battery force lately added to the army is the new Napoleon guns, six pieces, light artillery, (Battery L, Ohio,) under command of Col. RICHARDSON. They have just been transferred to Gen. STUART's Regulars, and seem very much pleased with the change. Lieut. MALLOY—a brave and most efficient officer, who has from the first identified his fortunes with the battery—still occupies his favorite position, and seems to have dedicated himself anew to the service.

PROSPECT OF A BATTLE.

There is every prospect that the rebels will dispute our passage toward Gordonsville, should we continue the march on the present line, and a day or two may witness another colossal fight on the plains of Manassas. One thing seems determined on—action—and no word could so much gratify the public at this time.

The order, just issued by Gen. McClellan, to shut up the correspondents of certain Baltimore and Philadelphia papers, or to suppress the papers themselves, unless they cease from divulging every movement of our army, admonishes me not to speculate too freely myself, or to state anything touching future plans, that is contraband. What is matter of history, or facts accomplished, is all it is possible to state with truth and safety, and quite as much as the public desires to know.

GEN. BUTTERFIELD.

The allusions to Gen. BUTTERFIELD in Gen. MASON's speech for defence, excite considerable feeling. The portion where he says Gen. BUTTERFIELD was leaving his brigade, Col. RICHARDSON, of the Twelfth New-York, says is entirely erroneous. Col. RICHARDSON says Gen. BUTTERFIELD placed him in command of the brigade, after the fight was over; that Gen. BUTTERFIELD remained behind the command all the way to Harrison's Landing, toward the enemy, and did not come in till two or three hours after his command. Gen. BUTTERFIELD himself says nothing on the subject further than that Gen. MARTINDALE had an erroneous impression probably, and will undoubtedly correct it as soon as the facts are known to him.

Hoping to give a good account from Gen. BRANES in my next, I must close, to send my letter by messenger, who is just leaving.

MONDAY MORNING, 7 o'clock.

THE CAVALRY REDEEMED.

I am very happy to be able to state that Major O'NEIL has returned safe and sound to Gen. MASON's headquarters. He states that he was deceived by the United States uniforms and flag carried by the squad of four mounted rebels. When he approached and saluted them, they presented their carbines, and obliged him to surrender. They then proceeded to ward a church at Bloomfield, where they said they had a church of cavalry, but on reaching the spot the church was locked, and no cavalry in sight. Shortly afterward some cavalry pickets made their appearance, and the rebels, supposing them to be their own men, rushed up to them, and were surprised to find themselves the victims of their own decoy dodge. They proved to be some of Gen. PLEASANTON's men. Two attempted to escape, but ran into our pickets again. The others yielded with good grace, and with their horses, were sent to Gen. PLEASANTON's headquarters. The arrival of Major O'NEIL, after so exciting an adventure, was the theme of great rejoicing.

STUART WHIPPED BY PLEASANTON.

The events of yesterday have restored, fully, the prestige of our cavalry. Gens. PLEASANTON and AVERELL led in with STUART's Cavalry, in the valley below, in large force, and whipped him soundly, driving him before them some six miles. They used their batteries on the rebels, and charged them with the cavalry. This accounts for the cannonading going on yesterday. The list of casualties has not come to hand.

MONDAY—5 A. M.

The order assigning Gen. BUTTERFIELD to Gen. STUART's Division, of Gen. BRANES's Corps, has been countermanded, and he has been placed in command of the division formerly known as MASON's.

The weather is cold and blowy.

LETTER FROM PHILAMONT.

The Bulk of the Rebel Army Reported to Have been Retreating for Several Days—Important Reconnoissances—Skirmishes—Casualties, &c.

PHILAMONT, VA., 21 Miles from THE POTOMAC, Monday, Nov. 5, 1862.

For the first time the people of this little secession village gaze upon a live "Yankee." The sight of so many of them naturally causes a distending of eyes, mouth and profile generally. Our cavalry, under Gen. PLEASANTON, are in advance of this place some three miles, while the infantry and cavalry baggage-wagons, &c., are scattered back nearly to the river. I have conversed with some few Unionists here, who inform me that the bulk of the rebel army has been retreating for several days, and that all their movements on the other side of the mountain are mere feints to cover their retreat, which is being conducted in admirable order. In a few days more, and they will be safely stowed away on the Rappahannock River or in the vicinity of Gordonsville. The roads are very fine; indeed, I question whether less cursing and oratorical in general was ever before heard from teamsters, baggage-masters, &c., on a march.

By glancing at the map you will perceive that turnpikes lead out from here in the direction of Leesburg, Winchester, Fairfax and Ashby's Gap, where the enemy are now said to be crossing the mountain. Jackson having gone through a few days rest. You will remember that "Stonewall" and A. P. HILL suddenly appeared at Charlottesville, seven miles from Harper's Ferry, last week. This move was undoubtedly made just before his departure in order to deceive us. But we have learned his "games" to perfection, and whenever he now puts on a bold front, as if intending to attack, we at once set him down for an immediate retreat. Many of the rebels are scattering through the mountains between Snicker's Gap, five miles from here, and Loudon Heights. On Saturday some forty of them appeared about three miles from Harper's Ferry, near where one of the Pennsylvania Regiments were on picket, and one of them was shot. A spy was recently captured in Gen. PLEASANTON's camp with an entire list of the infantry, cavalry and artillery regiments, which comprise the advance, instead of being shot on the spot, he was taken under guard to Berlin.

On Friday last, the Fifty-fifth Pennsylvania, Col. JOHN R. BACKUS, started from our Headquarters

a reconnaissance, in the direction of Woodville, going to within two miles of that place. No enemy were seen. Some on top of the Blue Ridge, the same day, reported that no signs of the enemy could be seen between Charlottesville and Berryville, fourteen miles distant, with the exception of a cavalry force which was prowling around the former place. A rifle-pick was discovered near the Shenandoah, but was unoccupied.

A most important reconnaissance was made last week in the direction of Snicker's Gap, by the Eighth New-York Regiment, Col. DAVIS, who so gallantly led the cavalry out of Harper's Ferry on the night before its surrender. The object was to ascertain if the enemy were there in force. Coming upon the rebel pickets this side of Snicker's Gap, they drove them mile after mile, capturing four, who had their horses shot under them. When within quarter of a mile of the village, two squadrons formed in line of battle, while a third was sent forward to feel the enemy round the bend of the road leading up the mountain. The advance guard and the first platoon of the main column, were suffered to pass round the bend, when a masked gun, accurately aimed, was fired. Five horses were disabled, and their riders killed or wounded. They were William Smith, John Van Tine, Nelson Smith, Frank Parker, George W. Clark. Henry Griffin was injured by having his horse fall upon him. Capt. PORTER's horse, of Company A, was struck by a piece of shell and became unmanageable, and the frightened steed started off with his rider in the direction of the enemy. With wonderful presence of mind, the Captain managed to disengage his foot from the stirrup and guide his horse between two trees. As the animal passed under them, he seized hold of the limbs, saved himself and returned to the camp in the night. One of the others who was dismounted lay concealed in the bushes, and reports that a large force of the enemy followed in pursuit, but stopping to squabble over the trappings of the disabled horses, and he in the meantime escaped.

LETTER FROM LEESBURGH.

A Visit to Leesburgh—Interesting Interview with John Janney, President of the Virginia Secession Convention.

LEESBURGH, VA., Saturday, Nov. 1, 1862.

Armed with Mr. YARBLEY TAYLOR's admirable map of Loudon County, on which every pike, road, by-path and forest trail is drawn, and every house even in the country marked, one traverses the region now occupied by the Army of the Potomac with the greatest ease and comfort. The people, very many of them loyal, and not yet possessed with the mercenary spirit which the presence of troops inspires, still retain their foe Old Virginia's hospitality, and as food for man and beast is in abundance, the country picturesquely in the highest degree, and the weather such as the Indian Summer in its perfection brings, it would be a sluggish and insensible nature indeed that must not enjoy the present campaign in the Old Dominion.

My last letter was dated from the Quaker settlement at Goose Creek, near Purcellville, whence I yesterday rode out on a detour along the extreme Southern line of this county, where our cavalry videttes posted in the woods, are face to face with those of the enemy, of whose numbers, position and purposes we still remain but ill informed. Finding nothing of interest here, present or prospective, I struck the Winchester and Leesburgh pike, and proceeded along seven miles, to the last named place, which has figured so largely in the current history of operations in Virginia. This "pike" (the popular local abbreviation of turnpike), is a noble grade highway; but, unfortunately, like all the good roads of the region, it runs east and west—toward the markets of Baltimore, Alexandria and Washington. If equally good highways led Southward, the fact would add a hundred per cent. to the facility and rapidity of army movements. There is nothing of interest to recount by the way; the wonted sprinkling of Virginia "villages," of the three-house and a Methodist church order, and only an occasional clump of pickets, by the cross-roads, came to examine, pass, to indicate the existence of war. About half a mile from the city of Leesburgh a hill, formed by intrusive upheaval of trap-rock, rises abruptly from the surrounding plain, and gives a superb view of the whole surrounding country—Leesburgh nestling prettily below, the Catoctin range to the east, the Blue Ridge to the west, the Potomac facing you a couple of miles off, hard by Ball's Bluff (fatal name); northward, far off into Maryland, and southward to the Bull Run Mountains, which from all present indications and probabilities, is destined to be the scene of the next great battle. On the summit of the trap hill stands Fort Johnson—an extensive earthwork thrown up by the rebels fifteen months ago, now abandoned, and the guns all removed; but the log cabins, ten or a dozen in number, where the garrison lived during last Winter, still remain. A jolly negro with a team was busily engaged removing the logs from one of the cabins for firewood; and a few bars of railroad iron, which the rebels had cut up and used for ammunition, lay strewn around. It is most extraordinary place, and would do fearful work on an enemy moving on Leesburgh.

Of Leesburgh (a small town at a couple of thousand population) there is little or nothing to tell at this late day, when the region is so well known by previous descriptions, and when prospective events of a far more stimulating character, forestall the public attention. It is now held and occupied by Gen. STOKESMAN's command, forming the extreme left of the left wing of the Army of the Potomac. The inhabitants are intensely and all but universally secessionist in their sentiments. Their last great grievance, on which each man and woman unconsciously opens upon you, is the shelling of the town by "the Federals," (or "your people," as they phrase it), about six weeks ago. The act, they aver, was entirely unprovoked and uncalled for, and was carried into effect without even giving the women and children warning to be withdrawn. Nobody, however, was hurt; but the bombardment actually took place, for several shells entered the hotel here, one passing through the room I occupy and taking off the top of one of the beds. The town is in the torpor which begets all Virginia towns just now—stores, schools and Courts all closed—and the place wears a kind of petrified, Pompeian air. The people, though abating not a jot of their secessionism, are yet civil—that kind of civility which civilized, well-bred belligerents bear to each other.

Nothing and nobody in all Leesburgh interested me but one white-haired old Virginia gentleman, of whom I shall have a word to say. I mean JOHN JANNEY, the President of the Virginia Convention at Richmond that voted the State out of the Union, and whose home is in this town. In the Convention he constantly and persistently voted against every measure which in any way whatever toward secession, though, as his President, he had to affix his name to a document which he considered the death-warrant and suicide of the State. Knowing that when he afterward returned home, and the time for the popular vote came, he voted for secession, I was curious to know what influences had worked this intricate change in a high and pure-souled nature. Calling at his residence, I was received with cordiality by the tall, spare figure with a white hair, and

whose every lineament, and the high, courtly, old-time manners plainly showed the fine old Virginia gentleman. Mr. JANNEY is now about sixty-five, and has been of late months in feeble health. It was not difficult, presently, to carry the conversation from present affairs and give it a historical turn. It did not need his assent to inform me that he had been all along an Old Line Heavy Cavalry Whig, and that he had long kept himself aloof from practical politics; it was easy to see that, such as they have been North and South, they must have offended his honest temper. It was a little remarkable, therefore, that he should have been chosen the presiding officer of the Convention on the question of secession, and the choice of so conservative a Union-involving a man showed there was some moderation and virtue in the body. The Convention met, you will remember, in the middle of February of '61; and he laid great stress on the thoroughly Union sentiment that pervaded it during its earlier sessions. If a vote on the question had been taken any time during the month preceding the attack on Fort Sumter, three-fourths at least of all the "voices" would have been against the ordinance. When that event took place the secessionary mercury on the instant leaped up in the barometer. "Was the attack purposely timed to effect the deliberations of the body—was the fusc cut at the right length to carry the shell where wanted?" "There is too much reason to fear it was." The Union party in the Convention, however, still struggled on. They sent delegates to Washington—begging, imploring some compromise word, some basis of hope, some promise which they could present to their people. "And Mr. S.," I am bound to tell you, for discouragement rather than encouragement." Unable, thus to get any rallying point the Union party was overwhelmed by the disunionists, and the secession was voted by a large majority. Mr. JANNEY, with some others, holding out to the last. The Convention dissolved, the members went home, the popular vote, without whose ratification the action of the body was "voice and nothing more," was about to come on; but before the day arrived Mr. LINCOLN bound Virginia with the blockade and invaded her soil by marching troops into Alexandria. When the time for the popular vote came JOHN JANNEY gave his voice for secession. The invasion, State-Rights and the old time traditions had done their work. "Sir, I am, in a word, a Virginian—a citizen of a Commonwealth that had existed as a sovereign organized government for two hundred years before the United States had a name." Such, in a sentence, is the history of the lapse of thousands of the best and purest men of Virginia—men who are now the mainstay of the rebellion in the council and in the field. And certainly there could have been no condition of mind more favorable to the purposes of the such plotters of disunion than they found in the principles, prejudices and traditions of Virginians.

I thought, however, that I could detect a dawning consciousness in the mind of Mr. JANNEY of how he, and conservative-minded men like him, had been used by the South Carolina fire-eaters. I felt delicate at pressing him on these tender points, but the rebellion has obviously in his mind not a clean birth record. The secession of South Carolina and the Gulf States he regards as a gigantic crime—unprovoked, uncalled for, unauthorized, illegal and diabolical. Next to this, he accounts the acceptance by the Washington Government of the attack on Fort Sumter as a challenge to war, followed by the calling out of seventy-five thousand men, as a grand political blunder. He exclaims Mr. BUCHANAN—whom he looks upon as the weakest and meanest of all the tools ever used by a tyrannical faction—for not reinforcing Fort Sumter at a time when it could have been done without giving offence; but he also blames Mr. LINCOLN for treating as a case for war an affair that statesmanship would have made a diplomatic transaction of. The lack of that same statesmanship now is, he thinks, our great trouble, for he considers there is none of it on either side. "Read the Constitution, and you will see that the office of the President is carved out for the limbs of a giant; and who have you there, and who have we?" "Sir, there were, in my day, giants in the land, and we have now only pigmies."

As for the prospects of the Southern Confederacy, he had nothing but dark prophecies. That secession will stop with the present split he has not the faintest idea. There are antagonistic elements already at work that must ere long make new fractures. The radical opposition of interests on the tariff question will make a Virginia and Border State Confederacy, or attempt at Confederacy, before half a generation is past. I asked him whether, if the Confederate forces should be driven out of Virginia, and a new popular vote ordered, there would be a chance of the rescinding of the Ordinance of Secession and the return of the States to the Union. "None, none, however. The wrongs, indignities and violence of the Washington Government have been too great, the alienation of the people too intense, ever to make that possible." I asked him about the circumstances attending the popular vote, and whether from the local terrorism it could be considered a fair one; and I recalled to his mind Mr. MASON's declaration at the time, that if there was any man in Virginia not prepared to vote secession he should leave the State. So far as he knew, it was made with perfect fairness and freedom; as for Mr. MASON's speech, it was not the first or only foolish thing that person had said: "But do you suppose that any Virginian voted against his conscience on account of such a declaration?" Do you not think that we should be together—that Union is desirable?" "Why it is written on the very face of the geography," (illustrating it by examples.) "Ab! if it were but all over, and things were as they used to be! But there is no hope; both parties will go on until each is utterly exhausted and ruined, and is ready to welcome peace and protection brought by any iron-handed military despot. The experiment of Republican Constitutional Government—of liberty regulated by law—I consider a failure. There is not a shadow of Constitutional Government on either side." The President's Emancipation Proclamation he looks upon as the greatest political blunder possible, and he is curious to know what extraordinary pressure must have been brought to bear on him to issue it, after his declaration to the Chicago delegates. It will solidify, unite and intensify all the hostilities, hatreds and animosities of the South. "But do these sentiments amount to much in the long run?" "It is true that, in the long run, every people is governed by its conviction of its own interests." "But, difficult though reunion may at present seem, is not everything more easy than dissolution?" "I confess I see nothing between Union and chaos; but how is it to be done? One thing I know, if my vision of how it can be done were as clear as my desire is intense that should be settled, the war would speedily be at an end."

I give you but the salient points of a conversation prolonged till midnight. The next morning at 8, by invitation, I breakfasted with him and Mrs. JANNEY—they having no children. He is a man to love and revere, and I parted from him inspired with a deep and affectionate regard for his pure and lofty nature.

Naval.

The United States sloop-of-war *Inc*, Acting-Master J. S. WILLIAMS commanding, sailed from this port yesterday, bound South. The following is a complete list of her officers: Acting-Master Commanding, James M. Williams; Acting-Master and Executive Officer, Benjamin F. Jones; Acting-Master, Joshua W. Crosby; Acting-Master, John S. Gordon; Acting Paymaster, John E. G. Strong; Surgeon, H. W. Mitchell; Ensign, John E. F. Meyer; Master's Mate, Robert W. Ensign; Acting-Surgeon's Clerk, S. A. Fisher; Yeoman, Ed. A. Snodder; Acting Gunner, Wm. Allen; and a crew of 120 men.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Trouble with the Flag of Truce Boats at Aiken's Landing.

Extracts From Late Richmond Papers.

REBEL NEWS FROM NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

Danger to Mobile, Charleston and Savannah.

Another Rebel Pirate Ready to Sail.

FORTRESS MONROE, Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The flag-of-truce boat *Express* arrived at Fortress Monroe from Aiken's Landing last evening just as the Baltimore boat was leaving the wharf. She brought no passengers or returned prisoners. Our officers and guard, while at the landing, were treated rather abruptly by the rebel guard, no one being allowed to step on shore. Col. AIKEN, (one of the rebel Commissioners), was not allowed to come on to the wharf while the *Express* lay there. The Colonel's commission has been taken from him, and he is denied all communication whatever.

EXTRACTS FROM THE RICHMOND PAPERS.

ADVICES FROM NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

The Richmond *Dispatch* of Nov. 1, says: "The recent movements of our forces indicate the entire evacuation of Northern Virginia, or that these moves were made in reference to the reported advance of McClellan through Loudon County. From all we can gather, we are satisfied that a general advance of the enemy's forces is not anticipated, and that our Government, which desires such a movement on the part of McClellan, will be disappointed for the present. The operations of the enemy, so far as transparent, do not indicate that they will risk an engagement with the well-appointed and highly disciplined troops of Gen. LEE."

From Winchester, and the country below, we have advices up to Thursday, when no movement of the enemy had taken place along the Upper Potomac. The report that Winchester had been evacuated is incorrect. Our cavalry pickets still hold their old positions north of Bunker Hill and east of Charlottesville.

ABUSES IN THE ARMY.

A close investigation into the management of the Commissary and Quartermaster's departments would disclose a degree of recklessness entirely inexcusable, and well calculated to depreciate the currency of the Government. It had no other evil effect, in conversation with a number of farmers from the valley, recently, we were frequently asked the question whether the Government intended to redeem its circulation, the inference being drawn from its unnecessary expenditure that Confederate money was only being used for the present exigency, and that final repudiation would ensue from the extravagance of the Government's commissioned agents."

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Forty prisoners of war arrived in this city (Richmond) last evening via the Central train. They were captured last Saturday in the vicinity of Harper's Ferry."

COMING EVENTS.

"It is evident that Mobile, Charleston, and probably Savannah, will soon be assailed by the naval and land forces of the Lincoln Government. The loss of these cities would not touch the vital strength of the South, yet it would inflict suffering and humiliation which no sacrifice would be too great to prevent."

Mobile can see in New-Orleans what she has to expect. The occupation of Mobile by the Federals would enable them to penetrate hundreds of miles into the interior of Alabama, and inflict immense damage upon private and public interests. Charleston, an especial object of Federal malignity, would probably be made to drink the bitterest cup of all if she was to fall into Yankee hands. We hope that every Southern city will permit itself to be converted into ashes before surrendering to the invaders."

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ARMY OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA.

A Fight Between Gen. Pleasanton's Force and Stuart's Cavalry.

The Rebels Routed in a Handsome Manner.

Salem Occupied by General Bayard's Cavalry.

Brisk Skirmishing in the Extreme Front.

Defeat of Rebel Cavalry from Warrenton.

Reconnaissance by Gen. Sickles to Catlett's Station.

LATEST REPORTS FROM HEADQUARTERS.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 6, 1862.

Gen. Pleasanton remained over night at Warrenton, and this morning moved in toward Warrenton, five miles distant, and near the mouth of Chester Gap. Before reaching the town, he came up with Gen. Stuart, with 3,000 men and one battery. The rebels had their guns posted on a hill, on the left of the road, but were driven off.

Col. Gaze, of the Eighth Pennsylvania, charged on them with a full regiment, completely routing them and taking prisoners.

As the rebels fled, Capt. S. B. S. with a squadron of the Sixth Pennsylvania Regiment, charged on their flank, while Capt. Pleasanton, with another force, assailed them with shells.

The rebels lost ten dead on the field. Our loss was one killed and five wounded.

Among the enemy's dead was a Captain. The Adjutant of a Virginia regiment had his leg broke, and is a prisoner.

The conduct of our cavalry in this action was splendid, and it is only necessary for Gen. Stuart to meet them in an open field to show our superiority.

Salem was occupied to-day by Gen. Bayard's Cavalry, after driving the First Virginia Cavalry from the town and capturing seven prisoners.

IMPORTANT OPERATIONS IN FRONT.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Nov. 6.

Information from the front this morning, is to the effect that Col. Winthrop, of Bayard's Cavalry, had a spirited engagement yesterday, at New-Baltimore, with the cavalry and four pieces of artillery of the rebel force at Warrenton. Their numbers were about equal to his at the time—about 1,500 strong. After a stout resistance, he drove the enemy off in the direction of the main army at the town of Warrenton.

Gen. Sickles, last evening, returned from making a reconnaissance in force in front, having penetrated as far as Catlett's Station, driving in the route and pickets of the rebels back on Warrenton Junction, where the army are not supposed to be in much force.

LATEST REPORTS FROM GAINESVILLE.

GAINESVILLE, Thursday, Nov. 6.

Gen. Stuart has so far recovered as to be able to visit the Potomac to-day.

Carrage on the Manassas road as far as White Plains, beyond the Bull Run range.

The affair at the configuration at Haymarket is being thoroughly investigated by Provost-Marshal Robinson, of Gen. Stuart's Corps. Several witnesses were examined today, but no conclusion was arrived at.

All was quiet along the left wing of the Army of the Potomac to-day.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ADVANCE.

LETTER FROM UPPERVILLE.

NEAR UPPERVILLE AND ASHBY'S GAP,
FREDERICK COUNTY, VA., Monday, Nov. 4, 1862.

The Army of the Potomac has achieved another handsome day's march, and are this evening encamped, or rather, are bivouacking, within striking distance of Ashby's Gap, through which is the direct road to Winchester, at a distance of 15 miles. Couch's Corps has marched along the base of the blue ridge by the shortest route to Upperville, which lies at the entrance of Ashby's Gap. The distance marched has been nearly twelve miles, besides forming a battle at 10 o'clock P. M., and advancing in this line the last two and a half miles, where they bivouacked for the night.

Formosa's Corps followed by the road to Bloomfield, where he, probably with Gen. McClellan, made his headquarters for the night. He will probably reach us at this time to-morrow forenoon. Gen. Burnside, who with his command took the road via Lovettsville, Perceville and Union, formed a junction with Gen. Couch's troops this evening, and encamped at Upperville. It is needless to state that Gen. Hancock, who with Gen. Faxon occupied Snicker's Gap, was relieved by Gen. Faxon's Division of Couch's Corps this morning, and both these divisions are to-night with the advance.

The enemy, if they anticipated such a pursuit, have thus been completely from pouring their troops through that pass to annoy our rear. We have not been quite quiet enough, however, to prevent him from occupying and using Ashby's Gap; and we have had our share of fighting in the Blue Ridge for several days, having come through this pass. Gen. Pleasanton has been in constant action with Stuart's Cavalry for three days past, driving him over six miles, and completely defeating him in a fair stand-up fight. Our loss has been some fifty men killed and wounded, while we have inflicted several losses upon the enemy, among which are the officers killed. Their wounded must have been large. As your able correspond-

ent, Mr. Swinton, has been with Gen. Pleasanton throughout these engagements, he will furnish full particulars these I am able to supply.

Throughout our march to-day, rebel scouts have watched our progress from the crest of the Blue Ridge, and have thus kept themselves fully posted as to the size of our army, and its exact position. This has been unavoidable.

THE CAMPAIGNING IN FRONT—FORMING LINE OF BATTLE.

As our forces were approaching the vicinity of Ashby's Gap, the indications were very plain that the enemy was to force at that place, and that he probably intended to give us battle near Upperville. Gen. Pleasanton, it seems, has been fighting and driving the rebel cavalry during nearly the whole day, compelling him to retire toward Ashby's Gap, through which he had emerged. About 10 o'clock P. M., Gen. Couch, whose brigade was in the advance, proceeded cautiously, throwing out flankers, the old Fifteenth Massachusetts, Col. Kimball, being advanced as skirmishers.

About 2 1/2 o'clock P. M., we had approached an open country, when we came in sight of Pleasanton's Battery, and saw scattering groups of mounted rebels dodging about among the woods and on the hills in front. Orders were immediately issued to form line of battle. The cavalry were thrown forward to the right of the main road, who extended their lines as vedettes across the open field to the edge of the wood about half a mile from the base of the mountain. Tompkins' Rhode Island Battery wheeled into a field to the left of the road, and removing the stone wall in front of each gun for embrasures, found a commanding position in the enemy's front. Gen. Taylor's Brigade filed into the field to the right of the road, and in a short time were formed in line of battle in the following order: Fifteenth Massachusetts, as skirmishers; Nineteenth Maine, (a new regiment), First Minnesota, Thirtieth New-York, and the Eighty second New-York. With the mounted troops in the extreme front, firing occasional shots at the enemy's pickets, and the Fifteenth Massachusetts deployed some two hundred yards in their rear in knots of half a dozen, at a distance of fifty yards apart, and the brigade behind in five or six different lines, advancing steadily and in handsome order across the field—the right was well calculated to inspire admiration. After a temporary pause, the whole line followed the skirmishers, and marched over stone walls and fences a distance of over two miles. The firing continued in front, and all expected an engagement with the enemy by way of closing up the day's work.

The sun, however, had far declined, and the North-west wind swept down cold and piercing from the Blue Ridge. Gen. Couch and Staff pushed in advance, the pickets carefully reconnoitering a high hill in front, but failing to find the enemy. Thus night closed the scene. The pickets were thrown out on all the roads, and the troops bivouacked for the night. As darkness came on, companies blazed up from all quarters, and gave proof that an immense army had encamped near by. Gen. Pleasanton, it is reported, has gone to Manassas, to look after the rebel army which has disappeared. To-morrow we shall, possibly, see active operations. Unless attacked here by the Southern army, we shall, no doubt, press on in fulfillment of the plans of the new campaign.

The cold, sharp atmosphere, admonishes us that what is done must be done quickly, as it will be impossible for the troops to march, and bivouack on the frosty ground while ice is forming around them. They cannot carry clothing enough to keep themselves warm.

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7 A. M.

All was quiet along our lines last night. We had pickets overlapping the rebel lines on the road through Ashby's Gap, and last evening some little firing without serious results.

The morning is frosty, but very pleasant—the weather for marching or fighting. E. S.

FROM PORTER'S CORPS.

Movements of the Army—Excitement in Camp.

Gen. Butterfield Presented with a Pair of Spurs—Spokes, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Porter's Corps,
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1862.

It is not proper that I should state where we are or what we are doing in this portion of the army. We think you will hear from us in a satisfactory way very shortly. We are on the move, and every one seems in good spirits and sanguine of success.

Yesterday Gen. Butterfield took leave of his brigade. The troops were turned out by Col. Stockton, he commanded, and was reviewed by the General. The men cheered their old commander with a heartiness and fervor that showed their love for him. After the review, the officers called upon the General and presented him a beautiful pair of spurs, richly mounted in gold. Col. Stockton made the presentation speech as follows:

Gen. BUTTERFIELD: I have the honor to present to you, in behalf of the old field officers of the Third Brigade, this elegant testimonial of their admiration of your gallantry and generalship on the occasion when your old command came out under fire at Hanover, as well as in the seven days' fight on the Peninsula. Subsequent hard-fought fights and difficult marches have only strengthened the admiration and devotion of your old command. There were many present then who would have rejoiced to participate with us in this fight, but who were unable to do so, and who, at least none among them, who are clapping their hands and cheering you on to victory. Others, who were suffering at home from honorable wounds. Were they here, they would gladly have shared with you the honors of this fight, and would have been proud to have been numbered among the ranks of your old command. Yet we fear we must wait long for a command. We have no more to say to you, but we will all agree to the confidence of this officer in you, and to add to the confidence of the old brigade. We wish you safety and success.

The General replied: General and Gentlemen: The honor you would confer upon me is an almost insupportable one. When I look around me and see the brave men who have taken so much of my life, and who have given me so much of their own, I feel that you have made me too much of a man. It is to you, gentlemen, to your unflinching courage and exertions for the discipline and welfare of your men—to your readiness to second every endeavor to improve the command—to your envying devotion to duty.

To your men—to their implicit obedience, even when the orders of superiors seemed to carry them into the jaws of death—it is to this spirit of the soldier, to this devotion to duty, to this willingness to sacrifice all for the glory and honor of the country—it is to all these that you are the lasting honor which your brigade has gained for the Army of the Potomac.

I could be more than satisfied and grateful if I received this testimonial of your admiration as an evidence that I have accomplished these results. I am, however, a simple soldier, and I feel that I have done nothing more than my duty. I feel that you have made me too much of a man. It is to you, gentlemen, to your unflinching courage and exertions for the discipline and welfare of your men—to your readiness to second every endeavor to improve the command—to your envying devotion to duty.

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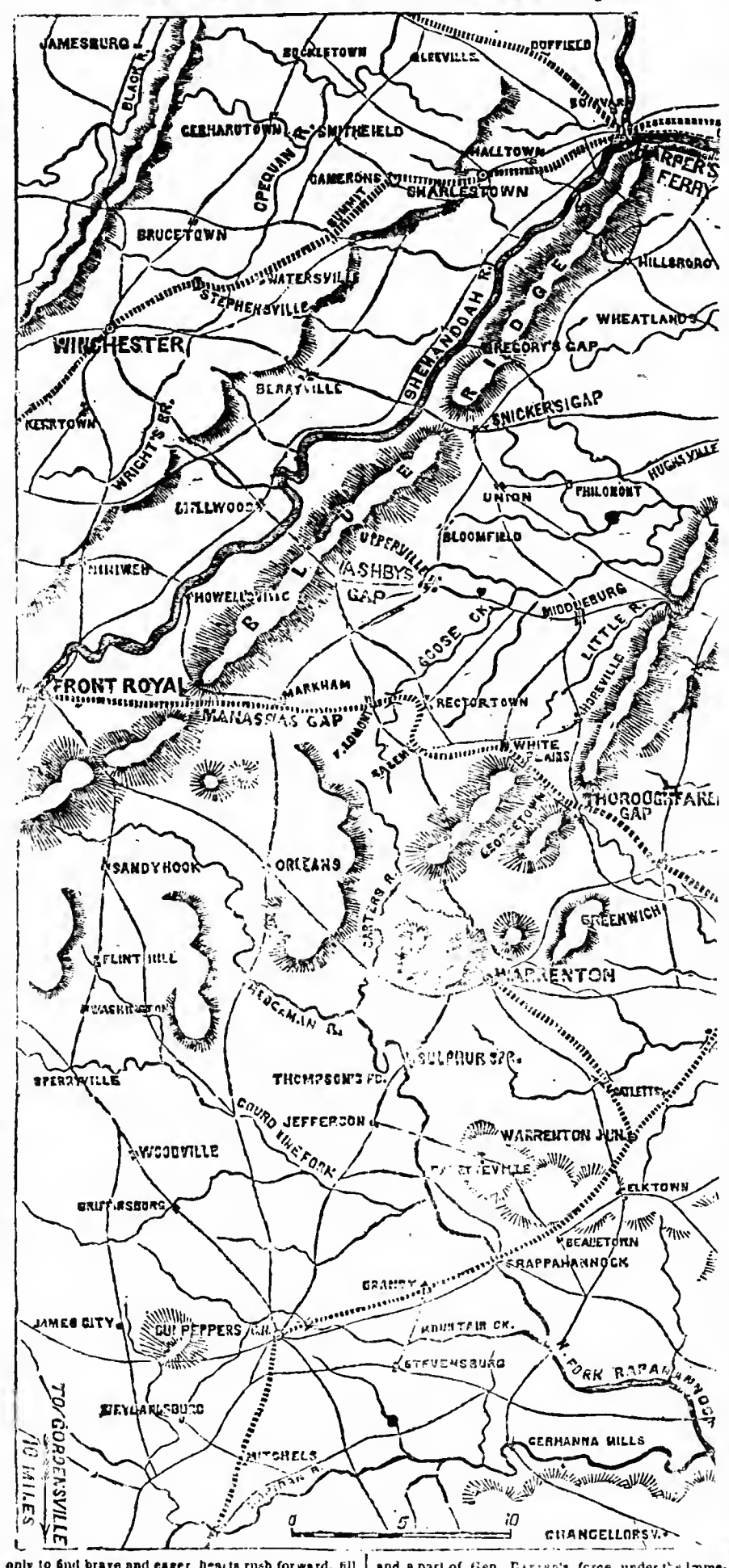
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THE CAMPAIGN OF THE MOUNTAINS.

Map Showing the Blue Ridge Region, the various Mountain Gaps Recently Occupied by Our Troops, their Relations with the Rebel Army at Winchester and with its Line of Retreat into Eastern Virginia.



only to find brave and eager hearts rushing forward, fill up the gaps, and meet the enemy. We are not with us. Some, we thought, and others a list of heroes—McLane, Nagel, Carr, Fisher of the Sixteenth Maine, and Fisher of the Twelfth New-York, Blount, Wilson, Dewar, Reed, Hanson, Whitlick, Ruby, Whitlick, Miller and other officers, every one of whom displayed a manly and heroic courage, and a spirit of devotion. Gen. I recur to your proofs of your valor and courage, and have any other thought than your brave remembrance that we were one in the day of battle, as in every day duty. You have endured the marches and the inevitable hardships attending an active campaign with an absence of complaint that reflects honor and credit upon you.

I part from you to assume another command in obedience to orders, from a sense of duty mingled with the regret that I am not again to share the honors you are sure to win with your comrades of the First and Second Brigades.

I have been severe with you, I trust you have long since realized that it was for your benefit and that of your men, and the good of the cause for which all have so freely offered their lives.

I trust that you may go on as heretofore—good officers, uncomplaining, respectful and obedient to your superiors—with vigorous discipline, and you cannot fail.

I accept your beautiful present, a bright and pleasing memento of our contents and duties. God grant that I may never discover your kindness and that you may continue to win honor and credit to yourselves and your country's flag, until this war shall end, and you shall find the peace and quiet of happy home and friends, to proudly wear the honors you have so bravely won, and enjoy the fruits of successful labors for the preservation of our Union.

The General rode off, after shaking hands with each of the officers present. He goes to Burnside's Corps, in command of the division formerly commanded by Gen. Devens. There was a universal expression of regret at the loss of their commander by all the officers. His qualities as a soldier, in the field and in camp, have won him hosts of friends and admirers in the army.

FROM THE ARMY OF VIRGINIA.

The Fight at Aldie—Capture of a Train of Cars by the Rebels—A Deserter Arrested—Caught in the Act—Died of his Wounds.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Gen. Stuart's Headquarters,
GAINESVILLE, Sunday, Nov. 2, 1862.

The fight on Friday—a brief account of which I forwarded yesterday morning—took place at Aldie, a village fifteen miles northwest of Centerville, between a portion of Stuart's command (it is believed

No resistance was made, and but few shots were fired. One of these wounded the engineer, and one the fireman—both slightly. The rebels managed this affair with considerable skill, and an unusual display of humanity. They selected as the scene of their operations a portion of the track that crosses a ravine, which is some fifty feet wide and about twelve feet deep at the point of crossing. Here, on the side the train approached the ravine, the ends of the rails were turned aside like a switch, so that the locomotive would run on the track, but, to slacken the speed of the train and thereby prevent any unnecessary loss of life, the enemy placed a number of ties upon the track a few rods from where the rails had been disturbed. The result was, that the train had just enough motion when it reached the break to upset the locomotive and to break the cars.

The twelve cars to run off the track. The shock was so slight, comparatively, that the locomotive and cars can all be put in order again in a few days. Our troops were so quickly upon the ground that the rebels had no opportunity to burn the train, and they doubtless considered themselves fortunate in escaping themselves. All day yesterday a force was engaged in repairing damages, and the wrecked train will probably be in running order again by to-morrow.

A member of the First New-Jersey Cavalry, who deserted at Alexandria a few days since, was arrested yesterday while attempting to pass the pickets thrown out from this place. He was not known when arrested, but upon being brought to headquarters he was easily identified by the description of him which had been sent here. He will be sent forward for trial.

An Orderly, attached to a member of Gen. Stuart's Staff at Fairfax, was arrested yesterday while in the act of carrying away a quantity of wearing apparel belonging to different members of the Staff. An example will be made of him.

Private David Miller, Company K, Ninth New-York Cavalry, who was wounded in the recent skirmish at Haymarket at the time we lost a commissary train, died in the hospital here this morning from a wound in the shoulder. He was only 17 years old, but on more occasions than one has proved himself a man.

Skirmishing with the Rebel Cavalry—Back-land's Little New-Baltimore—The Rebels Forced to Retreat—Gen. Sigel's Movement—The Sound of Gen. McClellan's Guns.

BECKLAND'S MILL, TWO AND A HALF MILES
NORTHWEST OF NEW-BALTIMORE, VA.,
Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1862.

A portion of Gen. Stuart's command—cavalry and artillery—left Gainesville this morning, and halted at this point. The advance was commanded by Col. Wyndham, of the First New-Jersey Cavalry. Upon reaching this point, Col. Beardsley, of the Ninth New-York Cavalry, with a force of 500 men, was sent forward near New-Baltimore, and a picket was placed in the village itself. At a little past 4 o'clock, just as the commander of the advance and his Staff had disposed of an excellent dinner at a mansion by the roadside, our picket, stationed at New-Baltimore, was driven in by a rebel force of 2,000 cavalry and two pieces of artillery.

The first fire of the enemy caused every man to be ordered to his saddle, and the column was placed in position to receive an attack. Maj. Knox, of the Ninth New-York Cavalry, was ordered to the front, with six carbineers as skirmishers. Col. Beardsley, ascertaining the probable strength of the enemy, and having abundant evidence that they had at least two pieces of artillery, with which they were throwing shells, fell back to the main force at this place, under the command of Col. Wyndham, who then assumed command of the advance, and disposed of the whole force so as to be ready for any emergency that might arise. The main force, with artillery, was stationed on high ground, holding the Warrenton Turnpike, east of the village and of Broad Run, and an advance of flankers covering all points were thrown out to the front. While this arrangement was being made, the rebels occupied the extreme front with his command enveloped as skirmishers under the brow of a friendly hill. The rebel cavalry, with fourteen men deep, charged down the hill, and when within short range, Maj. Knox gave the order to fire. The fire was so well directed that the rebel command, not knowing what force was concealed behind the hill and supping, no doubt.

I had written this far, when at about 10 o'clock P. M., a picket came dashing in to report that one of our pickets had been attacked on the road toward New-Baltimore, by 150 rebel cavalry; that a portion of the pickets had been captured and a general attack was expected. Col. Wyndham dashed out and in less than half an hour set matters at straightening. I will continue my writing. But I must very agreeably be compelled to keep a horse saddled at your side as a means of safety.

—That there was a large body of cavalry, and possibly artillery, we knew from the report of the picket. Maj. Knox having received no orders to fall back, and seeing the enemy retreating, concluded to make a charge upon their rear. He dashed after them until he reached New-Baltimore, and it being dark, built fires at a large force intended to hold there for the night, and then fell back to near this place without having lost a man. When our pickets were first attacked at New-Baltimore, it was really quite amusing. The men were just cooking corn-cakes to eat, and had their little pots of coffee on the fire, roasting pork and a few were engaged in the hope of eating roast turkey. When the order to mount came, all the little "fixens" had to be abandoned; pots and pans were hurriedly stowed away, and the pack animals, mules, horses, and stragglers were ordered to the rear, to be out of the way.

Last night, (Monday,) Capt. Faxon, of the First Vermont Cavalry, with 80 men was sent out to this place on picket duty. During the night, they were attacked by about 150 rebel cavalry. Capt. Faxon drove the rebels as far as New-Baltimore and then returned to his post again.

Gen. Stuart did not arrive in Gainesville at 10 o'clock this P. M., but was momentarily expected at that hour. We shall not know until he arrives what the direction of our march will be—probably to Warrenton, 8 miles off. The rebels are known to have left for the north, and they are in what quantity we are in the dark about. We shall probably not get out to-morrow.

Gen. Stuart took his whole division through the rough-har Gap to Salem, to-day. He had only a little skirmishing.

There seems to be a kind of running fight between McClellan and the rebel forces. We have heard their guns now for several days, but we have no definite knowledge of what is going on.

A private in the Forty-fifth New-York (Col. Campbell), who was sent to a stake in the camp at Gainesville, Va., and the word "kill," in large letters, placed to his back and breast.

I expect on Friday, and had my clothes off for the first time in thirty days, at Gainesville, last night. It almost made me sick.

I expect to mention above, that our advance guard to-day, under Maj. Knox, had to force the rebel picket back from above this place as we moved along. There was some firing, but no person was hurt.

—Samuel S. Curtis, son of Major-General Curtis, and one of the pioneers of Colorado Territory, arrived at St. Louis, on Oct. 24.

IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

Advance of Gen. Grant's Army Against the Rebels at Holly Springs.

OCCUPATION OF LA GRANGE.

Van Dorn at Holly Springs with Fifty Thousand Rebels.

A FIGHT OR A FOOT-RACE.

BOLIVIA, Tenn., Wednesday, Nov. 6.

A special dispatch to the Missouri Democrat says:

"Gen. Grant, with several divisions of the army from this place and Corinth, marched into La Grange, near the Mississippi border, last night. The rebels still occupy Holly Springs, but the opinion is entertained that they will soon evacuate the place.

The railroad will be repaired by to-morrow evening so as to admit of the passage of trains from this place to La Grange.

A regiment from Columbus passed down to La Grange last night and another goes to-day.

The rebels are about 50,000 strong at Holly Springs, and are under the command of Gen. EARL VAN DORN.

If there is not a battle fought before many days it will be because the rebels prefer running to fighting."

THE RELIEF OF NASHVILLE.

THE ADVANCE OF OUR FORCES AT BOWLING GREEN.

Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.

BOWLING GREEN, Oct. 31, 1862.

This morning, at 8 o'clock, Gen. Sigel's Division, of Gen. McClellan's corps, began to pass through the town, en route for Nashville. This is the advance of the column, and it consists of the following regiments: First Michigan Engineers, and the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-third, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, Sixty-first, Sixty-second, Sixty-third, Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, Seventieth, Seventy-first, 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ARMY OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA.

The Army of the Potomac in Motion in a Snow Storm.

Our Forces in Possession of Warrenton.

Chester Gap Held by Stonewall Jackson's Command.

The Fight with Stuart's Cavalry on Wednesday.

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

Thirty-six Dead Left on the Field by the Rebels.

LATEST REPORTS FROM HEADQUARTERS.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, ROANOKE, VA., Nov. 6-10 P. M.

As the particulars of the fight yesterday at Barber's become more known, the more brilliant the victory is found to have been.

The battle was fought by cavalry alone, and between the best disciplined troops either army can produce—the rebels under the command of Gen. Stuart, and the Nationals under the command of Gen. Pleasanton.

The final result shows that the rebels left thirty-six dead on the field, and their wounded must have been numerous.

Our loss was five killed and less wounded.

Gen. Pleasanton, to-day, reports that Stonewall Jackson occupies Chester Gap with his command. The town of Warrenton was occupied by our troops at 3 o'clock this afternoon, taking five prisoners belonging to the Third Virginia Cavalry, and two infantry soldiers, who stated that their regiment had gone up the Valley.

Gen. Baxandall had a slight skirmish to-day, on the Waterloo Road, killing one man, wounding two, and taking ten prisoners, without any loss on his part.

HEADQUARTERS, ROANOKE, Friday, Nov. 7.

A heavy snow storm set in this morning about 9 o'clock, with every indication of continuing. The weather is cold.

There is nothing new about military matters, excepting that the army is in motion.

Gen. Stuart and staff arrived last night.

Nothing but a construction team has yet arrived on the Manassas Gap Railroad, although one is hourly looked for.

REPORTS FROM THE EXTREME FRONT.

GAINESVILLE, VA., Friday, Nov. 7.

The Corps of Gen. Rostk, belonging to Gen. McClellan's command, took possession of Warrenton yesterday.

The rebels evacuated the place without stopping to fight.

An investigation into the causes of the confusion at Haymarket, has resulted in convicting two men of Gen. Strickland's command. A Court-martial has been ordered, which meets to-day to try the cases.

It is intensely cold to-night.

This morning a snow-storm commenced, the first of the season.

SPECIAL DISPATCH FROM HARPER'S FERRY.

HARPER'S FERRY, Friday, Nov. 7.

Some sutlers returned here, to-day, from the advance, and stated that guerrilla bands appeared in the neighborhood of Snicker'sville to-day, carrying off several wagons.

Gen. Grant had a grand review of his troops yesterday on Bull Run Heights. The soldiers were all in splendid condition.

A heavy snow-storm has prevailed all day, and the weather is extremely cold.

There is nothing new from the Potomac army.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ADVANCE.

LETTER FROM NEAR UPPERVILLE.

NEAR UPPERVILLE, VA., Monday Evening, Nov. 3, 1862.

Gen. Pleasanton's three-days' exciting chase after Stuart's Cavalry, has to-night "brought up" at Upperville, which you will observe to be in Fauquier County, immediately below the southern boundary of Loudoun County, and on the turnpike running from Winchester to Alexandria through Ashby's Gap, from which locality Upperville is distant about three miles.

Those dashing horsemen who, less than a month ago, shot meteor-like through Maryland and Pennsylvania, have, since Saturday, been running quite as rapidly southward, with our artillery thundering on their heels, and our cavalry cutting them up in flank and rear. Loudoun County is now clear of rebels; our army is now rapidly coming up, and the present outlook is, that to-day will witness an important battle at Ashby's Gap.

Previous telegrams and letters have brought the history of the cavalry chase up to noon of Sunday, at which time the rebels occupied the village of Union. Shortly after that hour, our force charged into Union, driving the rebels before them. As on the previous day, our force consisted of Pleasanton's Cavalry Brigade, comprising the Sixth Regulars, the Third Illinois, the Eighth New-York, the Third Indiana, and Pennsylvania's Battery, together with Donnelly's Brigade, under command of Lieut.-Col. D. W. Hoffman, comprising the Sixty-fifth Pennsylvania, the Seventy-third Indiana, the Seventy-sixth New-York and the Ninety-fifth New-York. Immediately after taking possession of the town, skirmishers were thrown out, and, engaging the enemy, drove the back half a mile. At this point our infantry was open-

ed upon at about four hundred yards distant, by the rebel battery of four pieces, planted on a commanding eminence from which the rebels had fired upon us. In this position a brisk fire was kept up on both sides, continuing until sundown. Then Pleasanton charged with his cavalry, driving Stuart two miles further into Dixie, and capturing two pieces and a number of horses and mules. Night now closed on the combatants, we having driven them five miles before us that day, with a loss of three killed and nineteen wounded, the names of whom I have already transmitted by telegraph.

This morning, the third act of the drama began, with a clear, cloudless sky, and a sharp cool air, precisely the morning for a brisk chase. Stuart had planted his men in an exceedingly advantageous position on the road leading from Union to Upperville, and precisely at the southern boundary of Loudoun County. Early in the forenoon, Pleasanton's command was reinforced by Averell's Cavalry Brigade, consisting of the Fifth Regulars, the Third and Fourth Pennsylvania, the First Massachusetts, and Tibbalt's Battery. Stuart had made his stand on the commanding eminence of the "vicinity"—his cavalry occupying a thick piece of woods on the hill, at the edge of which his artillery was planted. About noon, his battery opened upon our force, while getting into position. Sections, however, were soon planted, one on the right and the other on the left of the road, and thus placed, we got a very pretty cross fire upon them. For an hour and a half there was nothing for us to do but to watch this artillery practice, diversified by occasional cavalry dashes. The rebels were admirably placed, and as little progress seemed to be made in dislodging them, a new maneuver became necessary. Deploying his cavalry and infantry on the left of the road, a rapid advance was made around and under cover of a piece of woods. This brought the force out on the side of the hill and woods occupied by the rebels and on their right flank. Up the blow of the hill dashed our cavalry and infantry in splendid style. Nearing the top, the rebel battery opened upon them with shell and canister. It was a critical moment. The volley, without doing us any particular damage, seemed to unsteady the men, and they fell back for about a hundred yards. Stuart, mounted on his gray horse, (I could plainly observe his every motion through the glass,) here waved his hat; his men responded in a lusty cheer, and the three thousand redoubtable horsemen prepared to charge down the hill. Instantly, however, our troops reformed, and up the hill they again went, giving them round after round of musketry—our artillery cooperating. It was too much for Stuart. He had no infantry; his guns had been withdrawn from their position, under cover of fire from a rebel battery, which opened about a mile to the south. There was but one thing for him to do, and he did it—illustrating his fine horsemanship by dashing off, with his followers after him, at the top of their speed—our cavalry meanwhile pursuing. Fifteen minutes did the whole business, and at half-past two we held their position.

Near by the woods in which the rebels were placed, stands the elegant mansion of Mr. J. Fletcher, and on arriving on the ground immediately after the cessation of firing, we found it occupied by the officers of The Ninety-fifth New-York Regiment. Here a sumptuous dinner had been prepared for Stuart and his staff, and was eaten with much satisfaction by a company equally hungry and far more loyal. Col. Fletcher, who died some months ago, in consequence of a wound received in the rebel service, was a noted Secessionist. A son of his is a member of Stuart's Cavalry, and is at present in the Shenandoah Valley, and a younger son, at present residing at home with his mother, has belonged to the rebel army, but was brought home wounded. The estate is a magnificent one of a thousand acres, and the house much the finest I have yet seen in any part of Virginia. It and all its appointments and appurtenances are indeed such as might well befit a first-class Old Virginia aristocratic family. In the course of the encounter, the rebel sharpshooters had taken shelter behind and inside of this house, and were becoming dangerous. In consequence it became necessary to dislodge them from their position, and a few shells were thrown into the house. On arriving we found how accurate the firing had been. One shell in particular passed through the front door and exploded in my lady's bedroom, breaking and smashing generally, and covering the elegant furniture with the debris of the room. Mrs. Fletcher had but a few moments before been seated in this apartment, but had retreated to the cellar when the shells began. Col. Leake, commanding the first division of the Ninth Army Corps, makes his headquarters here, and I write from one of the elegant apartments of the mansion, having returned here after following Pleasanton as far as Upperville, where he rests for the night.

Since last I wrote to you from the Signal Station, on the Short Hills, a new activity has been developed by the military leaders. The whole army has been set in motion, and after creeping forward for the past week at the snail pace of a couple of miles a day, it was on Sunday pushed rapidly forward on a fifteen mile march. Striking down from Hillsboro on Sunday morning, I reached Purcellville just as Gen. McClellan, Beauregard and Wilson, with their respective staffs, arrived there. Here a consultation of Generals was held, which resulted in Gen. McClellan's dashing out with a few aids toward Snicker's Gap, while Beauregard galloped off to the advance, led on by the booming of Pleasanton's cannon. You are, of course, already informed of the occupancy of Snicker's Gap, on Sunday, by Couch's command. The rebels were at the time moving through the Gap, in two strong columns, fully expecting to get into the valley unobscured, and they were quite surprised when our shells poured into them. Finding this move anticipated, they hastily evacuated the place, and it is supposed that they have transferred themselves to Ashby's Gap, where they will probably make a stand.

LATER—Midnight—The field officer of the day, who has just come in to report to the Division Commander, Col. Leake, announces that Stuart's Cavalry have made good their escape through Ashby's Gap, where they are in strong force. Pursuit by Pleasanton was, of course, out of the question.

The probability is that an attack will, in the morning, be made on Ashby's Gap, or if sufficient force is not by that time up to make the assault it will be made on Wednesday.

There are many signs that both sides are now maneuvering to bring on a great battle in the morning. Should they retreat to the Manassas line, however, the likelihood is that both parties will go into winter quarters.

AFFAIRS AT HARPER'S FERRY.

The Rapidity of Army Movements—The News of the New-York Election, &c. HARPER'S FERRY, Thursday, Nov. 6, 1862.

The unusual rapidity with which our army is now moving makes it more than likely that Harper's Ferry will soon have to be abandoned for some central further South. Already sutlers are on the quiver as to where they shall now locate their head depot, and the whole army of correspondents—or, rather, "Chiefs of Staff"—are puzzling themselves about how soon they shall jump from the frying-pan of Harper's Ferry discomfited into the fire of those of Manassas.

The New-York elections came upon us like a clap of thunder in a clear sky yesterday, and all has been gloom, consternation and dismal forebodings ever since, nature itself being in unison with the sadness that oppresses man's spirits. I am not given to superstition, but as I strolled out yesterday morning at early dawn, anxiously striving to imagine what sort of news would reach us from you in a few hours, I saw the whole Eastern horizon covered with grim clouds, forming a blood red background to the majestic outline of the Maryland Heights, directly in front of me. The old Scotch proverb involuntarily came to mind:

"A ruddy night is a shepherd's delight; A ruddy morn is a shepherd's forlorn." There goes our No. 1, thought I. Then again it immediately occurred to me that it was the 5th of November, the memorable historic day on which the whole British Parliament was once saved from an infernal plot to blow them all to atoms. Had we discovered and crushed the plot that was to blow our nation to perdition?

The Baltimore papers determined the question for us, and three or four hours afterwards, and revealed the fact to thousands of disappointed hearts that our "Guy Fawkes" had been more successful than the British one. Bitter, indeed, is the feeling created, and nowhere more intensely than among the soldiers. Listening to a group of them, I heard one man say: "What the—!—is it we are going to fight for now, if J. W. Davis is to have all the asks for?" "We shall fight the negro army," chimed in a swartlinging Hibernian. "I—n—your 'nagar,'" angrily rejoined the first—"you are the nagur they are after, and you'll find it out when you have lost your votes, and a lot of aristocratic scoundrels have put 'brides on you.'" "Let 'em try it," indignantly exclaimed a crowd of soldiers—"we'll know who to turn our arms against." "Too late," joined in the prophetic voice of an old man passing—"I tell you, boys, the blackest day will dawn on this great country that sets that faction plot into power."

Yesterday you were taken with brimstone for your protection, but to-day all is changed. You have now but one chance before you: Either to succumb, step by step, to the lordly rule of Southern aristocracy, which says that the few must govern the many, or you will be driven to save yourselves by revolution. Terrible as the prophecy sounded, every man present felt, more or less, the truth of it.

Immediately after the news came a cold piercing wind set in, which added bodily discomfort to mental, and to-day a chilling, drenching rain came on, creating a state of discomfort and dejection that can only be thoroughly appreciated in a place like Harper's Ferry.

The enemy, although having plenty to do down the valley, still continue their impudent demonstrations under our very noses. They came within two miles of Bull Run Heights, day or two ago, and walked off with three of our pickets by daylight, just as soldiers would with so many flies. Nobody, however, expects any demonstrations from them on a larger scale in this quarter, and if they did they would find a traitor here this time. Gen. Grant is charged just now with a soldier and a loyalist—every inch of him.

LETTER FROM GAINESVILLE.

Movement of Gen. Sigel's Corps—A Visit to Thoroughfare Gap—The Troops in Good Spirit. GAINESVILLE, Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1862.

Gen. Sigel's corps is in its new position, and the General himself is expected to be here this morning. Whether we are to go on immediately or remain here and await the motions of McClellan I don't know; but the general opinion of all is that we shall move forward to Warrenton to-day or to-morrow.

I went to Thoroughfare Gap yesterday and returned to this place—it being headquarters. Major Knox, of the Ninth New-York Cavalry, with about 200 men, drove in the enemy's pickets and drove what few rebels there were through the Gap. There were but few shots fired, no artillery, and "noisy hurrahs" at least on our side.

Gen. Sigel's Division occupies the Gap, and the Sixty-first Ohio, Lieut.-Col. McGroarty, is on the other side near White Plains. The enemy's pickets are at White Plains.

Gen. Stuart's Division, (Col. McLane's and Col. Gen. Sigel's Division is said to be at Manassas Junction.

There is one regiment of Sigel's Brigade at Centerville. The troops are all in good spirits, and if a chance is afforded they will render a good account of themselves.

As we crossed the Bull Run battle-field, a man in the Fifth New-York Cavalry picked up an old shell and threw it heavily upon the ground, when it exploded, injuring him seriously and probably fatally.

There was heavy firing—cannon—nearly all day yesterday in the direction of Ashby's Gap—Pleasanton's command probably.

SICKLES' DIVISION.

They Move to the Front—Manassas in our Possession—Appearance of the Battle Fields, &c., &c.

Correspondence of the New-York Times. MANASSAS PLAINS, Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1862.

On Saturday last, the division commanded by Gen. Sickles broke camp near Alexandria, and took up the line of march for Fairfax Court-House, Centerville and Bull Run. The little town of Fairfax is just now filled with sutler shops and ambrosy saloons, kept by citizens of the Teutonic race, most of them accompanying regiments which "fight nil Siel."

The passage of the division—the fighting division of the army—through the town, drew the attention of its inhabitants as perhaps few divisions would do, and as it passed the dilapidated hotels it was cheered by the approving smiles of some of the few families there boarding.

At Centerville a halt was ordered for dinner. This was the last of the division—a hard-fought made forever memorable by the death of the gallant and lamented Keaney. There remain now but little to mark the field. A few broken muskets—some old and cast-off clothing—some broken trunks, tinny cannon balls or pierced by Minie—are all that point out the battle-ground.

At Centerville another halt was ordered. The town has changed considerably since our last visit. Several of its principal houses have been destroyed by the rebels, and it would be scarcely recognizable but for that long chain of earthworks commanding the approaches in every direction. A novice will not appreciate how much military science has done, with the aid of pick-axe and an spade, to render this naturally strong position almost impregnable; but to those who have seen what the Peninsula earthworks did for the rebels, can hardly understand why they should have abandoned their formidable line, without a desperate fight.

The plains of Manassas, now fully and completely in the possession of our troops, have often echoed to the tread of armed hosts, and so often been described, that I would not be supererogatory to describe them now. They are still the same wide dreary waste, dotted here and there by the rebel earthworks. Some of the houses of Manassas village were destroyed by the rebels in their last visit.

Little Manassas here and there told the last resting place of some soldier who either died in arms against his country, or else fell a martyr in the grand cause of freedom and union.

One year ago this place was in the complete possession of the rebels. Gen. Beauregard had his headquarters in the same house as that now occupied by Gen. Sigel. The tents of the rebel army were on the same sites as our tents are now. Every one feels that this is indeed historic ground.

Every "rob" of ground, every mouse, every tick, every little bird, has its history. Is it any wonder, then, that upon such a ground as this, constant speculations are indulged in as to the probable vicissitudes of battle, future skirmishes, future victories or defeats. It is not for me to write of the nature or disposition of our forces, but it is not improbable that in many days I may be able to describe some passage-again, with our ever-loving friends.

THE STORM.

The First Installment of Winter in this City.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Patuxent Point, Friday, Nov. 7.

The steamship *Norwegian*, from Liverpool at 10 A. M. of the 23d, and London on the 24th, has passed this point en route to Quebec.

The steamship *City of Baltimore*, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown on the 22d.

The steamship *Anglo-Saxon*, from Quebec, arrived at London on the 23d.

Both vessels were reported to be off Liverpool when the *Norwegian* sailed.

The weather continued very boisterous, and additional marine disasters continued to be reported.

The ship *Maple*, from Limerick for New-York, put into Queenstown 24th, leaky.

The *Benares*, Sunderland for China, put into Lough Foyle, leaking.

The Liverpool ship *Benconen* was wrecked, and twenty-eight of the crew perished.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The *Times*, (City Article,) referring to the resolution contemplated by the Confederate Government, to collect a million bales of cotton and sell them in Europe, subject to all contingencies, asks the date at which they can be shipped: says it is not without importance, should the resolution be passed, there are probably many speculators who might be tempted into such speculation, provided the margin of profit offered was very large. The writer suggests that perhaps the Confederates, by means of the *Oreco* and other vessels, hope to break up the blockade of Charleston, or other ports, during the winter.

The *Daily News* thinks the Federal cause has never before looked so like success in its essential features. The South is almost at the last stage of exhaustion, while the North is nearly untouched in all its resources. All that European nations have to do is to wait. The event must soon be decided by other influences than those.

The *Times*, of course, takes directly the opposite view, and says:

"More important than news of battles is the fact that the New-York navy has at last begun really to feel the gale which threatens the country, with not a single Confederate ship completed or likely to be, with not one cent yet received by direct taxation by the North. With an immense host of raw recruits to fill their ranks, armed, clothed and equipped, with a gigantic mass of materials to provide for another invasion, the Federal Government finds its paper depreciated not far from a third in value. Although, probably, no invasion of Pennsylvania will be a long while, a fresh raid across the Potomac impresses the Federalists with a conviction that their cause is as full of peril as ever."

The article then expatiates on the interminable and indecisive nature of the contest in the West.

The Liverpool correspondence of the *Times*, Mr. Sever, again urges the necessity of recognition on the ground that Europe cannot remain calm, and on the sufferings there or the horrors impending elsewhere. He thinks the contest too likely to degenerate into a mutual butchery, and that England may then be driven to take up arms to end such an outrage on civilization.

The *Daily News* points to Sumner's speech at Bolton, and its reception, as a refutation of the *Times* arguments that the emancipation scheme would be repugnant. It denounces the scandalous charges which have been brought against the authors and abettors of the scheme.

St. Basil, the distinguished surgeon, died at his seat in Surrey on the 21st inst.

A Cabinet Council was held at London on the day the steamer left Liverpool.

At a public meeting at Oldham, resolutions were offered, calling on the Government to recognize the independence of the Confederate States as the only means of ending the civil war. An amendment was offered declaring that recognition was unpolitic, and likely to result in a war with the North, after a warm debate and uproarious proceedings, the original motion was declared carried, although the meeting was about equally divided.

The destruction of American ships by the pirate *Alabama*, caused a general advance in the rates of insurance at Lloyd's 2 to 3 per cent. on all American ships. The advance demanded at Liverpool is even as high as 5 guineas per cent.

FRANCE.

It is stated that PERSIGNY and FORD consented to remain in the Cabinet, the Emperor having assured them that there is nothing reactionary in his present policy respecting Italy, but that he declined to take any hurried step with regard to Rome. The Council of State had resumed its sittings.

The Bourse was firmer. Rentes, on the 23d, advanced to 71 1/2.

ITALY.

The alarming accounts of GARIBOLDI's health continued. It was even rumored in Paris that he was dead. A Turin telegram of the 22d, however, says he had been removed to Spezia, and bore the removal well. The state of his health is slightly improved, but the papers still express much apprehension.

The 22d being the anniversary of the union of the Southern Provinces to Italy, was celebrated by *fires* in all the principal towns. Various popular rejoicings took place. Perfect order was maintained.

THE LATEST NEWS VIA LONDON DERRY.

Liverpool, Friday, Oct. 24.

The political news to-day has no important feature. The gale has moderated. The marine casualties are still most numerous.

Commercial News by the Norwegian.

Liverpool, Monday, Oct. 13, 1862.

COTTON—The sales of Monday, Tuesday and

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The stock in port is estimated at 316,000 bales, of which 100,000 are American.

GRAIN—Four frs. Wheat, trending upward and prices slightly higher for all descriptions. Corn dull and trending downward.

FRUIT—No change, unchanged, except that land is still declining.

CHESES for money 92 1/2, 93 1/2. Erie Shares 3 1/4. The London in the Bank of England has decreased 2 1/2, 2 1/2.

TERRIBLE DISASTER.

Steamboat Explosion and Loss of Life. St. Louis, Friday, Nov. 7.

About 1 o'clock yesterday morning, when ten miles above St. Genevieve, the steamer *J. H. Dickey* exploded one of her boilers, killing several and injuring others of her passengers and crew. The passengers were awakened by a violent shock, and, rushing to their rooms, found their way out into the main saloon, where they found the vessel was in flames. In about fifteen minutes, while the passengers were still wondering about the cause, and not yet recovered from the first alarm, another terrible shock shook the whole boat, and the forward cabin was instantly filled with scalding steam. Numbers leaped it, and fell upon the floor. While the passengers, among whom were several ladies, rushed in a panic to the stern, other horrors were added to the calamity by the fire breaking out in the staterooms and through the floor above the boilers, communicated from the furnace. After long and earnest exertion the fire was conquered. All united in bearing praise to Capt. McClellan for his bravery and judgment. The cause of the explosion remains uncertain, the engineer stating it to be from the shock on striking the bar, disarranging the boiler, while others maintain that the boiler was old and defective. The pilot states that the cause of the vessel's sinking arose from a signal to back water being misunderstood as one to go ahead. Among the killed is Lieut. J. D. Dickey, Sixth United States Cavalry, of Philadelphia. HAZARD, a clerk of the boat, was dangerously scalded, several persons are known to have been on board, and were drowned. At 8 o'clock the next morning the steamer *Warner* came along and brought the *Dickey's* passengers and crew to this city.

Missouri Matters.

St. Louis, Friday, Nov. 7.

Gen. GAMBLE has appointed Thursday, the 27th inst., as Thanksgiving day.

The case of Judge LORAN, recently arrested for encouraging the rebellion and opposition to the Government in its prosecution of the war, &c., has been referred to Major-General Curtis. His decision in the matter is yet to be made.

Death of Commodore Pendergast.

PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Nov. 7.

Commodore PENDERGAST, Commandant of the Philadelphia Navy-yard, died this morning of a paralytic attack. He was 62 years of age, and has been in the naval service of the country for over half a century.

Marine Disaster.

Boston, Friday, Nov. 7.

The schooner *Erica* of Land, from New-York for Portland, with coal, put into Holmes Hole on the 3d, losing eighteen hundred stalks per hour.

Billiard Match Between Foley and Kavanaugh.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Friday, Nov. 7.

The great billiard match between MICHAEL FOLEY, of Cleveland, and DONALD KAVANAUGH, of New-York, was won by the latter by 204 points.

The President's Proclamation of Emancipation.

From the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser.

That Proclamation, now before the people, not as a law—not as an enactment of political policy—not as any part of the fulfillment of the duty of the Executive under the Constitution. It is simply the exercise of a military power, armed with the vast energies of rebellion. It has no legal force except in the presence of the Federal armies, by whom alone it is to be executed. As a military act, it necessarily terminates with the rebellion which necessitated and justified it.

It announces a future military policy, dependent upon future developments of the rebellion, and even requires a future Executive act to make it operative at all. Should President Lincoln fail to designate the boundaries of rebellion, his record, his honor, his reputation, his name, his country, his people, could never go into effect.

As Executive of the law which he has sworn to uphold, President Lincoln has called attention to two laws of Congress, and enjoined obedience to them. With the exception of a single amendment that he will record, he has no other measures to Congress, the body constitutes all the affirmative provisions of the Proclamation. We fail to see how the President could have done less, and we rejoice that he has done more.

In the absence of all legislative authority in the source from whence the Proclamation emanated, it cannot, even in the least the future status of the executive jurisdiction of the several States over their domestic institutions, provided those States be subject to their Federal relations.

There is but one way under Heaven whereby Slavery can be legally interfered with in the States, and that is by the voluntary acts of the people of those States. Of course, we mean outside the war power, and even that power terminates with the cessation of hostilities, and returning peace with the law of every State which may have been in rebellion.

We feel, therefore, to discuss any question of opposition to the Emancipation Proclamation, is to discuss a question of military policy, and a military policy is not a question of law, and a question of law is not a question of military policy.

As any other military act that could be devised, as a declaration of war, it is a military act, and as a military act, it should receive the cooperation and approval of every loyal citizen.

THE LATEST NEWS BY THE NORWEGIAN.

Liverpool, Monday, Oct. 13

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Unquestionably, in consequence of the late election, every influence, proper and improper, will be brought to bear upon President Lusk to cause him to be discommittal to some compromise of the policy. Let him see to it that he stands firm. The determination he has so often expressed to uphold the Federal authority in all its breadth must be kept to unflinchingly. Nothing is so demoralizing as vacilla-

aging declarations of Jons Van Buurs and the well known sympathy of Ex-Mayor Wood and his brother for the rebellion. We trust it will be made their basis of action by the

largely in the 1990s and 2000s, and the last 20 years.

hundred envelopes, by purchasing them from the Government. Hence it appears that persons who use unstamped envelopes pay about one hundred per cent. more for them than if they

From San Francisco.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

It will be seen by our dispatches this morning that Gen. McCLELLAN has been relieved of his command, and that Gen. BURNSIDE is now in command of the Army of the Potomac. This order was delivered to Gen. McCLELLAN at 11 o'clock on Friday night by Gen. BUCKENHAM in person, and his last official act was the issuing of an address to his soldiers yesterday, informing them that the command had devolved upon Gen. BURNSIDE, and taking an affectionate leave of them.

Our dispatches, both special and to the Associated Press, agree in the statement that the main rebel army has probably eluded Gen. McCLELLAN so far as to avoid a battle in the Shenandoah Valley. Gen. McCLELLAN's headquarters, near Washington correspondent informs us, were at present at Warrenton, on Friday which place was taken possession of by our advance on Thursday. The rebel Gen. A. P. HILL's command was at Warrenton the day previous to the occupation of the place by our forces—his command and STUART's Cavalry forming the rear guard of Lee's force. The Secessionists at Warrenton prophesy a great battle in the vicinity in a few days. Stonewall JACKSON, they say, is only ten miles off, with a force of seventy thousand men, while BRAGG is at Gordonsville in great force. It is expected that this great battle will take place at Waterloo, which, we may explain, is a small town in Fauquier County, near the Rappahannock.

The Washington Republican, of Friday, says: "From present appearances, we judge there will, at present, be no fighting in front. Lee and his army will retreat upon Richmond, and go into Winter quarters there. It is the purpose of JEFF. DAVIS to lead our army on, to divide our forces if he can do so conveniently, and to harass portions of our army. One thing he means to do, and that is to put us to all the expense he can, and thus worry us out and make the Northern people thoroughly sick of the war; not to effect a compromise, as the Northern peace party suppose, but to secure the independence of the South."

A correspondent of the Baltimore American writes from Harper's Ferry, under date of Nov. 6, that "two ladies arrived to-day from Martinsburgh, having walked the whole distance, nineteen miles, along the railroad track. They report that the rebel pickets left Martinsburgh yesterday morning, but say they have still a strong force at Bunker Hill. They confirm the destruction of the railroad track from a point a few miles beyond Harper's Ferry to North Mountain, six miles West of Martinsburgh. All the Company's property at Martinsburgh was also completely destroyed."

We have, through a Fortress Monroe correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer, an important report from North Carolina, to the effect that the expedition under command of Gen. FOSTER, already spoken of, has been entirely successful in at least one of its objects. The gunboat Delaware is stated to have arrived at Fortress Monroe from Newbern, on the 5th inst., with intelligence that the expedition proceeded to Plymouth, where some 3,000 rebels, about one-half cavalry, were surrounded, and compelled to surrender unconditionally. A dispatch from Washington informs us that no such news has reached the Navy Department, but this does not render the report improbable, by any means. It is hardly possible, however, that an expedition organized on so extensive a scale should have so small an object as the capture of this small body of rebels, and we shall be quite likely to hear of further and more important operations soon. Plymouth, the scene of this alleged capture, is the Capital of Washington County, N. C. It is a small village, containing less than fifteen hundred inhabitants, located about eight miles south from Roanoke River, where it enters Albemarle Sound, and is connected with a small inlet called Nag's Head. It is about fifty miles in a straight line, north of Newbern, with which it has water communication via Albemarle and Pamlico Sound and the Neuse River. It was previous to the rebellion, a place of active trade.

We publish, elsewhere, an order from the Adjutant-General in reference to the forthcoming draft. Several counties in the interior of the State having filled their quotas, it has been found advisable to modify the designation of depots of rendezvous. The following Commandants of the respective posts have been designated: Albany, Brig.-Gen. JOHN P. BATHURST; New-York, Brig.-Gen. RICHARD BUSTED; Yonkers, Brig.-Gen. S. C. FARMER; Poughkeepsie, Brig.-Gen. S. B. BURNETT; Elmira, Col. S. M. ALLEY; Buffalo, Brig.-Gen. H. L. LANSING.

A London correspondent of the Boston Commercial Bulletin writes: "It is well you are just completing a fleet of 'Monitors.' You are likely to need them before long. Workmen are engaged night and day on the Merrimack on the Clyde and elsewhere in building some 20 iron-clads, which are to see service in American waters. They are intended to convey crews into Southern ports. This I know to be a fact. My information is direct from those in confidence with the promoters. I can only see one way of preventing a good deal of mischief. Every port for which they are designed ought to be in the power of the American Government before these ugly monsters can cross the Atlantic. Then you might welcome them as effective aids in future operations. To disarm suspicion it is popularly given out that this iron fleet is being built for the Chinese Government; but I need hardly tell you that Mr.

McClellan and his friends form one of the chief obstructing parties."

A dispatch dated Louisville, Nov. 5, states that Gen. SILL'S Division reached Nashville on the day preceding.

Major-Gen. ROUSSEAU'S division of Gen. ROSSIGNOL'S army is to be detached from Gen. McCook's army corps, and after being reinforced will act as an independent column. What direction it is to take, is not yet known.

The Military Commission, sitting at the Lower Sioux Agency, on the cases of those Indians engaged in the late massacre in Minnesota, has found over three hundred of them guilty, and condemned them to be hung. Their fate lies with the authorities at Washington.

GENERAL NEWS.

The steamship Scotia came up to the City yesterday morning, and her advisers, which are two days later than those by the Norfolk, are published this morning. She left Liverpool on the 25th, and Queenstown on the 26th. Mr. McCORMACK, our Minister to Russia, came as passenger on board the Scotia; also, Lord LYON, the British Minister to this country. The steamer Gladiator, from Nassau, had arrived at Liverpool, having on board 500 bales of cotton. She took over a hundred rumors in regard to the war, and the rumor of the capture of the city of London, which had caused some little excitement on Change in London and Liverpool. It was alleged that WILKES, with his squadron, had blockaded Bermuda, and refused to withdraw his ships at the request of the Governor. This report lacked confirmation and received but little credence, but it nevertheless had its effect. Mr. GLADSTONE had reiterated his sentiments on the American question, in a letter written in a Manchester merchant. He took occasion to say, however, "that to form opinions upon questions of policy, to announce them to the world, and to take, or to be a party to taking any of the steps necessary for giving them effect, are matters which, though connected together, are themselves distinct, and which may be separated by intervals of time. The danger of the latter, according to the particular circumstances of the case, is of which signifies that the time for English recognition or intervention has not yet arrived. The violent gales which had visited England, had also prevailed all over France for several days, inflicting considerable damage in some sections. The Liverpool cotton market was dull, though no change of prices had taken place. Breadstuffs were steady and firm, and provisions were flat and heavy. Consols were quiet at 93½ to 93¾ for money.

A decision was expected on Friday in the matter of the prize steamer Bermuda, which is still in Philadelphia. The Court was not, however, prepared to render one. Mr. C. M. WHARTON, on the part of the claimant, presented an additional affidavit in relation to the ownership of the vessel, to the reception of which District-Attorney COVENS objected. On two grounds: First, that it was not respectful to the Government in referring to it as a "Northern one," and, secondly, that it contained declarations which the person making it knew to be false. The Judge said he should allow the paper to be filed, as he was desirous of having all the testimony that could be furnished in respect to the ownership of the steamer.

The Detroit Tribune, New-London Chronicle, Hartford Times, Hartford Press and Hartford Courant have increased their rates on account of the great advance in paper and everything used in making a newspaper.

The Orange, N. J., War Committee has declared a dividend of 22 per cent, on money received for bounties to volunteers, their heirs, that amount of surplus after paying each volunteer \$100 in cash and \$100 in scrip. Subscribers now receive a certificate for the balance, signed by the Town Clerk, payable in installments as snow, as the Legislature shall authorize a tax to be levied for that purpose.

The vote of Livingston County, the home of Gen. WASHINGTON, is most gratifying. The majority is nearly double what his opponents conceded, and largely ahead of what was claimed. The Genesee Republican gives the following figures:

Portage will add 100 to these majorities. Mount Morris gives SKYMOOR 128; North Dansville, 79; Groveland, 6; and West Sparta, 1. Genesee, it will be remembered, is the place of Gen. WASHINGTON'S residence.

Mr. McDONALD, a rebel engineer on the southern end of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, stole a locomotive from Bowling Green, on Nov. 5, taking it from the hands of another engineer, proposing to put in the depot; instead of which he ran it down on the Memphis Branch Road 15 miles, burned out the ties, and otherwise injured the machinery to the amount of \$3,000. McDONALD was pursued by employees of the road on a hand-car, who recaptured the locomotive, but McDONALD escaped.

The missing steamer Trenton, which it was feared was lost, as she did not arrive at Washington from this City in due season, has at last been sighted at the place of her destination. Her Captain tried a trip through the Chesapeake Canal, and met with unexpected delays.

During the last four months the Provost Marshal of Philadelphia has taken into custody 630 deserters, 647 swagglers, and sent 4,194 convalescent soldiers to their regiments.

It is reported that the President has tendered to Secretary CANTON a Secretaryship of the Interior, in the event of Secretary SWINBURNE'S acceptance of the Judgeship of the United States Supreme Court.

In the Court of Sessions, yesterday, before Judge MCCUN, JOHN CLARK and GEO. GROMAK, previously convicted of an attempt at grand larceny, were sentenced to six months each in the Penitentiary.

Breadstuffs were in active demand on Saturday; prices of Flour and Wheat were firmer. Corn was rather cheaper. Cotton was less freely purchased, but was still held. Provisions, Sugar, Molasses, Tea, Tobacco, Whisky, Hops, Fruit and Seeds were moderate. A lively inquiry prevailed for Chicory, Coffee, Fish, Hides, Leather, Tallow, Wool and the principal kinds of Oil at buoyant rates. Freight engagements were restricted, though rates were essentially unaltered. There were 630 vessels of all classes in port.

OUR RUSSIAN RELATIONS.—Our Minister to the Court of St. Petersburg, Mr. CAMERON, arrived in this City yesterday, and will leave immediately for Washington. The object of the return to this country at this important juncture of our affairs in Europe, of our Minister to this great Power, is unknown. Some who fancy that Mr. STANTON is about to resign, also imagine that Mr. CAMERON will again resume his old post of Secretary of War, while others think he has come home for the purpose of securing his election to the Senate from Pennsylvania, this Winter. It is understood, however, that he is back to this country permanently—that he will not again return to the illustrious Court in which he has had such a brief experience of diplomatic life. If such be the case, it is to be hoped that not a day will be lost in appointing his successor, who should be a man of first-class ability, and a man who will adhere to his post at least until the termination of Mr. LINCOLN'S term of office. Until the close of the war, our relations with the great European Powers will always be in somewhat of a critical condition; and when the tremendous importance of maintaining pacific relations abroad are considered, it will be seen that we should have an active and patriotic representative always at his post of duty.

Mr. CAMERON, who was Mr. CAMERON'S predecessor as Minister to the Russian Court, and who, since his return to his own,

his native land, has greatly distinguished himself by his campaign in Kentucky, by his intellectual tilt with GEORGE FRANKLIN TAFT, and by his challenging Mr. BIRDSALL to fight a duel, will, it is generally supposed, again succeed to the post. Whether this is really to be the case, we have as yet no definite information from Washington.

Mr. CAMERON reports our relations with Russia to be still very satisfactory, and the friendship of that Government to be as reliable as ever. The Czar has an intelligent appreciation of the position and progress of our affairs; and though, like ourselves, he thinks that the military progress might be more rapid, he is not inclined to be either critical or censorious.

The Democrats and the Election.

Throughout the whole of the late political campaign we recognized the fact that the votes to be cast for Mr. SKYMOOR would come from two entirely opposite classes of voters; that every one who opposed the war and was in favor of peace, immediate and un any terms, would be found voting for him, and that many would also vote for him who were earnestly and honestly in favor of prosecuting the war vigorously till the rebellion was suppressed. We recognize this fact now. The Tribune declares that it found no supporter of SKYMOOR, who did not support him "as the Peace candidate." Our own experience is different. We found many who supported him claiming that he would push on the war heartily. They seemed to us under a very strange hallucination, and we warned them repeatedly that they were going in had company, and were in danger of being cheated upon this very point, which seemed to us a vital one. They did not give heed to our warnings, and the election of Mr. SKYMOOR is the result.

The election has not done away with the fact of which we have spoken. It has rather brought Mr. SKYMOOR and his supporters face to face with it. It is still true that men have voted for him believing that his election would tend to help the rebels in successfully maintaining their position, and that others have voted for him believing that his election would speed on the war to the overthrow of the rebellion; and both parties, now that the result which they hoped for is attained, are outspoken in their views of it. We know of one instance, and we doubt not there have been many, in which it has been openly declared by Mr. SKYMOOR'S supporters since the election that they would now proceed and carry out their original programme of bringing the two sections together under the Montgomery Constitution, and then by Convention, or some other means, excluding New-England from the new nation; and in our opinion the call now made in some quarters for an immediate meeting of the new Congress, which cannot by law meet till a year from next December, unless convened by the President, points in this direction.

And therefore we warn the loyal portion of Mr. SKYMOOR'S supporters, as we have warned them before, that there is danger in this direction. It cannot be denied that the result of the late elections has been to place in positions of power and influence some men whose sympathies are not with us, but with the rebels—men to whom the rebels look with hope for help, and whom they consider to hear the same relation to the body of loyal men at the North as "the five just men in Sodom" did to their besotted fellow-citizens. It remains to be seen whether these men shall be able to wield the power which has been placed in their hands for the overthrow of the nation before the people can interfere. The voice of the people cannot be uttered again in a popular election for a year. We know well that if the efforts of those men to destroy the nation shall be made, and shall not be successful before that time comes round, there will be another political revolution which will throw them out of power with more speed than they have now been put in.

We shall do all in our power to prevent their success; and we call upon the loyal supporters of Mr. SKYMOOR to watch them, and work against them, for the preservation of the country, assuring them that in such a work they will find themselves seconded and supported by the great body of the loyal men of the land.

SELECTION OF THE DRAFT.—A dispatch from Adjutant-General HILLCOCK still further postpones, and this time indefinitely, the long talked-of and much dreaded draft. The reason assigned is, the difficulty of procuring correct returns of the persons who have enlisted in all the counties, so as to apportion rightly among the counties the number to be drafted from each.

The practical operation of the effort of the Government to get soldiers into its service by draft, is far from satisfactory. There must be a glaring defect somewhere in the laws, and it is the duty of Congress at its next session to find where the trouble is and remedy it. In midsummer, the President of the United States deeming the Republic in imminent danger, ordered a draft of 300,000 men to its immediate support in the field. More than three months have passed, and yet not a man has been obtained from the great State of New-York under the President's order for a draft. Nor is it possible to tell when the first conscript will be had. If in this mode the Government is to be preserved when in great danger, then is its continued existence extremely precarious.

We cannot for a moment think that the authorities of New-York State have purposely obstructed the draft; though we must not shut out the fact that other States—Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Ohio, for instance—have long since complied with the requisition of the General Government, and enforced the conscription. We have subjected the Republic and Unionists in New-York State, who were the earnest supporters of the Government, to all the injuries and losses politically of the draft, in the late canvass. We had thorough searching enrollments;

ostentatious parade of the voluminous lists under the protection of soldiers to the place of sacred deposit; formal and protracted sessions of Commissioners and Surgeons, for the purpose of relieving from the draft all who were rightfully exempt. All this was in progress in the heat and excitement of the State canvass, and it was doubtless the means of much dissatisfaction to the Government among the electors. And now, when all the harm possible has been done, and after the Government is defeated before the country, we are told that the draft cannot take place as soon as expected, and it is postponed till further orders.

All this delay and confusion must be attributed to the original, cardinal mistake, of allowing credits to counties for volunteers furnished previously to the draft. This rests on no sound principle. A volunteer goes to the war because he is willing and prepared, and chooses to go. He does not put himself in the hands of his county in order that it may trade on him, and make aught by his going or staying. Reject this mischievous mistake of attempting to equalize—the source of endless and fatal delay and confusion—and any draft ordered by Government could be filled in ten days.

England's Bonds to Keep the Peace.

The experiences of the existing war in the United States are establishing, beyond all cavil, the supreme importance of American products to the continued welfare of European nations. When peace shall return to our shores, and commerce fall again into its former channels, we may rest assured that no foreign Government having the military power to do us harm will be at all inclined, on any ground short of the necessity of its own existence, to renew the reign of strife.

England has often, in periods of peace, fretted against her condition of dependence on the American States for cotton. Every encouragement that Government could give has been afforded, and every scheme and combination that interested capital could call into activity has been in operation, to develop other sources of supply for the essential staple. All experiments of this kind failed. And now civil war in the United States, involving the total loss of the American supply, has added its tremendous pressure to the same end. But even this frightful stimulation does not accomplish the desires of British capitalists and economists. A "cotton famine" stares England in the face. Millions of her operatives are becoming paupers, to be fed by Government bounty or private charity; and price and pauper alike turn anxiously to America, imploring the rates for a return to peace.

Was it for this that English rulers hailed with ill-concealed delight the beginning of trouble to the American Union? We may be sure not. They did not, unfortunately for them, perceive the end from the beginning. They anticipated, undoubtedly, an easy triumph of the rebellion. If that triumph did not instantaneously occur, they regarded as the most likely thing in the world a safe intervention on their part to enforce the defeat and disorganization of the American Government. Then England would practically own the cotton-fields of the Gulf States, and become undisputed mistress of the world.

This calculation has been balked, as many a wicked one has been before, and as such ought ever to be. England is learning now the pith of one of her own proverbs, the folly of waiting for dead men's shoes. The American Government did not succumb so easily to treason; and what England hoped to gain by inheritance, or by virtue of the office of Administrator which she stood ready to assume, she can only take by war, open and declared, against the American Union. And for that she is not prepared, on more considerations than the mere one of comparative military and naval strength, and the prospect of success or failure in hostilities.

The United States, albeit engaged in civil war, is still one of the most valuable customers that England has. In all the finer fabrics of cotton and wool, in many of the staples of the same material, in the multiform shapes of steel and the finer metals, in malt and distilled liquors, in porcelain and pottery work, and in a thousand other varieties of manufacture, wherein excellence is only obtained by the combinations of great wealth, educated skill and cheap labor, the United States is confessedly inferior to England, and draws freely, to the extent of many millions a year, on her workshop. If the loss of American cotton has brought poverty and hunger to the door of millions of English operatives, so would a war with the United States on that account plunge other millions of her people into like distress. This was apparently not thought of by English rulers at the outset of their sympathy with rebellion; but now the stern fact is before them to crush and humble their swift siding against us.

But this is not all. The United States not only buys the wares of millions of English operatives besides the cotton spinners, but she gives in return what England cannot be deprived of and live! It is a fact, never clearly revealed till now, that England looks to America for bread as well as cotton. To be placed in a condition of hostility to the United States, to have the flow of cereals from this country abroad suspended, would be a calamity to England by the side of which a diminished cotton supply would be hardly appreciable. The instant advance of "the staff of life" to high prices, coupled with existing distress from suspended manufactures and the inadequate charitable relief, would start all England into a wall, the like of which has only come upon the ear of Christendom once in this generation—from Ireland in 1848. British rulers see this portent, and not all the world can move them to do what in their hearts they quite recently desired.

As for the future of cotton, we Americans are easy. Free labor will produce it in the United States as abundantly as slave labor did. Free labor, most stable of all, cheapest of all, most righteous of all, the only honest labor, and solely entitled to Heaven's blessing.

Florida is open to free labor now. It never had a white population equal to its occupancy and improvement. And yet Florida has more cotton land, perhaps, than the entire of cotton plantations that have hitherto enriched slaveholders and supplied the world. Under the auspices of free labor cotton-planting will soon be resumed in the South, and the arrogant nations that have kicked against the American monopoly will in the future become more than ever tribute-payers to the American Republic.

The Danger of Overtrading in a Time of War.

It is now pretty generally conceded that a period of war is not necessarily one of commercial disaster. War is an enormous consumer. Its demands are active and imperious. They admit of no delay, and must be supplied at whatever cost. Commercial activity in such circumstances is a necessity. That this activity may be frequently something very different from real commercial prosperity, we are willing to admit, but that it may be made conducive to the highest and most substantial prosperity of a country, is abundantly proved by the history of European States. The commercial progress of Great Britain at no time stands out more conspicuously than in the period in which it was engaged in its great struggle with Napoleon—during a part of which time it stood against the combined commercial opposition of Europe.

The expenses of Government, increased during this struggle, from about 90 million dollars per annum in 1792 to nearly 600 millions in 1815; still, such was the astonishing development of the National resources under these apparently disastrous influences, that the country was able, during the last years of the war, not only to bear, with comparative ease, the annual tax of 350 millions, but to lend yearly 55 million dollars to the Continental Powers, and at the same time raise by voluntary contribution more than 30 million dollars to relieve the sufferings of its own poor. The war created, to a certain extent, the means of its support. The stimulus of the rapidly expanding currency, the new wants opened by the war, and the activity infused by the same cause into every branch of industry, all acted as spurs to commerce. The exports and imports doubled between the years mentioned, (the former amounting to 300 million), and the shipping increased from one to two and a half million tons.

There is no reason why this country should not, with proper care, have a similar prosperity in the midst of war. But it must be remembered that a commerce conducted under these circumstances is liable to peculiar dangers, and this is the point to which we wish at present to direct particular attention. The ease in the money market, always existing when large issues of Government stocks are taking place, and the high prices of all classes of articles in a time of war, lead almost irresistibly to a vast extension of private credits and overtrading. In the period already spoken of, in Great Britain, these causes operated so powerfully as to bring about two of the most disastrous epochs in English history. In 1810 a continuous course of overtrading brought the country into a condition of wide-spread distress, after a period of almost unexampled prosperity. The process by which this was effected, is thus described by Mr. TOOK:

"As a real or apprehended scarcity of supply and an exaggerated anticipation of demand, had led to high prices and an enlargement of the circulation of private paper, so returning abundance and postponed demand occasioned a recoil of prices and a reduction of private paper to the level whence both had risen. There was in 1808, a real scarcity of supply. This actual deficiency was itself sufficient to justify a great part of the rise, and as in the early part of the grand experiment (which I date from the close of 1807 and beginning of 1808) made by BONAPARTE to exclude this country from all intercourse with the Continent of Europe, it was uncertain whether a considerable and almost indefinite period might not elapse before the deficiency could be relieved by importation, a further rise was necessary upon two grounds: the one to limit consumption, and the other to hold out a sufficient inducement to overcome the very great obstructions to importation. The advance proved indeed, as is usual in cases of speculation, to be more than adequate to both these purposes. The stock of articles which had been most scarce were eked out by economy in the consumption, and, in some instances, by the employment of substitutes. There was, accordingly, by the Summer of 1810, a great fall in the price of nearly all the articles which had experienced any considerable rise in the two preceding years."

Scarcely had the country recovered from the distress of 1810 and '11, when, by the action of precisely the same causes, it was brought down again to the calamitous position in which it found itself in 1816, after the close of the war. These examples illustrate the dangers to which we are now exposed.

Our position is to-day very similar to that of England in 1809. Gold was then constantly rising in value, and this with us is accomplishing nearly all that the anticipation of the exclusive measures of NAPOLÉON effected. Merchants now look forward to the time when the price of exchange will put a practical check upon foreign trade. The smallness of our imports last year have left us with a real or anticipated scarcity of supply, and the rapid advance of prices tempts every one who can procure credit to enter with a greater or less venture upon the field of speculation. Under these influences our imports, which up to this time last year amounted to little more than 100 million dollars, have this year advanced to about 143 million. Here is an increase of 43 million, or about one-half of this whole amount imported last year. A part of this advance is, perhaps, demanded, for the sales of all kinds of goods have been much greater during the past year than was anticipated in the early part of the season. Some allowance must be made, also, for the surplus which existed from the stock of 1860. Still, it should not be forgotten that deductions drawn from the year just past are not safe guides in the new set of circumstances into which we are now entering. We have hitherto felt the war financially only in the stimulus it has given trade by its immense increase to our currency. We shall now begin to feel it in the narrowing of our resources. The tax which goes into operation this month must necessarily diminish the ability of a large class of persons to purchase many articles which they have enjoyed, with even more

than unusual freedom during the continuance of the anomalous circumstances of the past year. An expanded currency with a heavy, operant tax, must produce a very different state of things from an expanded currency alone. With the one, economy is scarcely a virtue, with the other it is a necessity.

We do not make these remarks because we think it clear that the supply of foreign goods is already too great. We speak in anticipation and against a spirit which we see growing up in community. The high excitement produced by the rapid transitions of political events in a time of war, naturally imparts its spirit to all classes of transactions. Our Stock Exchange exhibits its feverish influence. A continuous rise of prices has for more than a year been taking place in a large class of articles. Let not the prudent caution of our merchants be relaxed by this. We are in a position where every influence tends to overtrading, but where overtrading can produce only ruin. The country may have the great commercial prosperity which Great Britain enjoyed during a large part of her Napoleonic wars, but our people must not and cannot endure a period of disaster brought on by overtrading like that which filled that country with gloom during the distressing years of 1810 and 1815. A little caution now may save us from incalculable suffering in the future.

Vermont Sustaining the Government.

One of our contemporaries, some time ago, in the course of a series of attacks upon the Government, for what it claimed were dangerous assaults upon the liberty of the citizen, took occasion to rejoice over a prospect which it thought was impending in Vermont between the National Government and the State Government and the Courts. Some parties had been arrested by order of the Government and locked up in jail for discouraging enlistments—and a habeas corpus having been issued by the United States District Judge, the Marshal refused, by order of the Government, to bring the men before the Court; whereupon the Judge made an order directing the Marshal to show cause before him why he should not be attached for contempt of Court.

Our contemporary, as we have said, saw in this affair prospects of a collision. Visions floated before his mind of a peremptory order upon the Marshal to produce the men, of a further refusal, of an application to the State authorities for assistance, and a determination on their part to resist to the uttermost this exercise of National tyranny, and to defend the rights of the citizen.

And certainly, if there was anything in this outcry of danger to the popular liberties, there was no place where such a struggle would be more likely to be entered upon than in Vermont. Her people have always been as free a people and as attached to the principles of freedom as those of any of the States. Nowhere would danger to popular liberty be met more intelligently or with firmer resistance than among the Green Mountains.

It will not, therefore, be without interest to see what action was taken in this matter by the liberty-loving people of Vermont. The judge, when the order above spoken of was returnable, held that the Marshal had done wrong, and fined him \$100, which the Marshal paid, and there was an end of the legal proceedings. The counsel for one of the men was elected to the State Senate, and when the Senate met he introduced a resolution for a committee to inquire into the facts of the case. A motion was made to amend his resolution, so as to direct the committee "to report whether any inquiry is necessary or proper." The mover of the resolution strenuously opposed the amendment, but the Senate adopted it by the quite decisive vote of 25 to 1, and having so amended the resolution, they proceeded to reject it by the same vote of 25 to 1, being unanimous, with the exception of the one who had been counsel for the imprisoned Secessionist. In the words of a member, "the resolution was, first, unnecessary; and, second, mischievous."

Vermont has confidence in the Government, in its honesty, in its love for freedom, in its desire to preserve all the rights of the citizen. But she also recognizes the fact that we are in a state of war, in a struggle for National existence, in which, if we are defeated, all our liberties are sure to be destroyed. And in such a time she recognizes the worth of the words of the old French hero: that it is the duty of true lovers of their country "to honor good patriots, and even to support them in venial errors, that we may all encourage each other to do the right." Those who seek to attain other ends, by outcries of danger to our liberties, need look for no help from freedom-loving Vermont.

THE RETURN OF LORD LYONS.—Her Majesty's representative near this Government returned to this country yesterday, in the Scotia, after an absence in England of nearly four months. There is a great deal of speculation as to the instructions he may have brought with him in reference to his action in the present condition of our affairs. It is probable that they do not differ materially from the very general instructions he received one and two years ago, on the same subject, and that the policy of his Government, and his duty, for some time to come, will still be to watch and wait. The Cabinet Council which was summoned to meet previous to his departure from England, and the object of which, it was supposed, was to discuss the policy he should be directed to pursue, and the instructions he should receive, did not sit; but the Army and Navy Gazette infers from the expressions of Ministers individually, that the British Government is not inclined to depart from the course it has hitherto pursued in reference to our contest. "But," adds the organ of Mr. Correspondent RUSSELL, "Lord Lyons may nevertheless be asked to represent to the American Government the views of the British Ministry as to certain contingencies, and to indicate changes of policy which may be forced on them by the advent of certain events." This speculative remark of the astute Mr. RUSSELL is very likely to be quite correct, and as the ver-

tain conditions" and "certain events" referred to as largely in the keeping of Gen. McClellan and his gallant army, we trust that the movements and the operations of the latter may be such that the "views" and the "policy" which it may be Lord Lyons' duty to indicate, will be entirely satisfactory to the American people.

Our New Custom-house.
There are many persons in this great Metropolis of New-York, who saw the late marble Custom-house of our noble port rise upon the ruins of the buildings which originally stood upon its site. There we saw the vaults of the eloquent Dr. Phillips' church opened, and felt the nothingness of human things exemplified in the small pile of dark dust, and shingly, tapering pieces of saturated, decayed coffin-wood, which was all that remained of those foretime active citizens like ourselves, who had been laid into the ground with many tears.

Patient FRANKLIN—the architect of the old Custom-house of New-York—who built from the Greek models, which he said were "eternal!" Much would he grieve to find, were he now above ground, that his cherished and finished conceptions were no longer sufficient for the vastly increased business of the Custom Department of our great National City.

But, still, the old Custom-house is an honored "institution" in the land. Its present office is not only one of dignity, but of the greatest importance to the country at large. It is the Sub-Treasury of the United States, in the second most important commercial capital in the world! And well but a little while, and we shall see it the first. When the unusual and suicidal war which is now upon us shall have been closed—and closed, let us hope, forever—our Union shall again arise, "not for a day, but for all time."

Meanwhile, the great marble edifice, so lately the sufficiently spacious and commodious Custom-house of New-York, is found inadequate to the extended and constantly extending commerce of our port; our port!—the great gate from the Atlantic to America, through which the deep-dredged harbors do come to discharge their precious freightage, and through which pass, in return, the kindly fruits of our luxuriant earth, so that, in due time, they upon the other side may enjoy them; inasmuch that, by the traffic both ways, the fish have fled from HENRICKSON'S river, "vexed by the innumerable keels."

And hence the necessity of a new Rialto—a place where "multitudes of men commerce" may transact their business—with ample room and verge enough for all and every part of the same.

The Merchants' Exchange, in Wall-street, was the edifice selected for the new Custom-house, and was accordingly purchased by the United States Government for that purpose. Every New-Yorker, and also all who have had commercial operations in the Metropolis, need not be told that it is a noble structure, of dark gray granite, majestic in its proportions, answering conspicuously and favorably at once to "that first aspect which is to the eye," in the dignity of its presence.

On the portico of that fine building, between the two westernmost columns, (like the rest, of solid granite in one block) upon Wall-street, DANIEL WYATT stood when he said, in the clear hearing of ten thousand people, whose eyes were only upon him, and the only sound in whose ears was his stentorian, sonorous, musical voice, he, with a presence, a consciousness that there was an "odor of nationality about the Union," which even a blink now—in itself a simple token, a flimsy and yet a strong piece of thin paper—could efficiently and sufficiently represent our country from Maine to Oregon!

Mr. HIRSH BARNET, our Collector, (a better, or a more conscientious, New-Yorker never had), from his palatial suite of apartments on the first floor, corner of Wall and William streets, can sit out in his arm chair, in a hot Summer's day, between those same columns, and talk with his Rotunda attendant Deputies, (CLIMON, the OGDONS, SKAWWELL, and the rest), and revolve in his mind the words of wisdom which came from

"Good old Daniel,
Gone to the promised land."

Up to the present time, the warehouse Department is the only one which has been removed to the New Building; but that, through the constant supervision and faithful service of Mr. HAMILTON BAUCK, Deputy Collector of that Division, is gotten up in an exceedingly agreeable and handsome style. The Store-keeper's Department on the First Floor of the Southwest corner of the Exchange, is ample and commodious, both for the clerks behind, and the customers before the long extended counters; while the furniture, without being "shiny or seedy," is substantial and dignified in color and substance.

Of the adjoining room, on the south side of the entrance, and its appointments, (the Bureau of the Liquidating Officer's Department, under the charge of Mr. LEXOWSKY,) the same may be said in all particulars.

The apartments above, occupied by the Chief of the Warehouse Bureau, Mr. HAMILTON BAUCK, are more ornate and elaborate in their appointments. They are rich, however, without any fanciful gaudiness. The unobtrusively arched ceilings are in that most tasteful of neutral tints, the French gray, upon which the eye always rests with pleasure. It is never obtrusive. As you say of a well-dressed, gentlemanly person, he is point decoré; he is not remarkable, simply from that fact; but "the sentiment of color" is gratified and satisfied by a single glance. That the beautiful carpeting and dignified black walnut furniture are "in keeping," may be most reasonably inferred.

Of the immense and graceful Rotunda, its splendid dimensions and improved appearance, with its exquisite fixtures, and of the purposes to which it is to be devoted, we shall speak hereafter. It is the handsomest, and altogether the most imposing rotunda in America. It cleaves and shall receive separate notice at our hands. And in the paragraph which embraces it, we shall try to convey some idea of the Auditor's Department, with its beautiful porphyry columns and its lofty dignity of space; and also of Mr. JENNINGS' solid Bureau, who, with his capacious assistants, will hereafter "walk in the light" with no windows which, as HOOD says:

"Disperse a ray
Of darkness like the light of Day
And MARTIN—over all!"

With which blessing simile we close. More anon, when time and space shall serve.

Democratic Rejoicings at Concord, N. H.
Concord, N. H., Saturday, Nov. 8.
The Democrats of this city are firing one hundred guns this evening in honor of the election of HENRY CLAY as Governor of the State of New-York; for the triumph of the Democracy in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, New-Jersey, and New-York; for the change in the political complexion of the next United States House of Representatives, and for the Constitution, the Union, and the Law.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

Washington, Saturday, Nov. 8.

THE STORM.

The storm has ceased, though the weather is cold and threatening.

GOV. MORTON OF INDIANA.

Gov. Morton, having finished his business here, leaves for New-York, whence he will immediately return to Indiana.

CASUALTIES AT CORINTH AND IUKA.

The official lists of killed and wounded in the battles of Corinth and Iuka have been received by Surgeon-General Hammond. The Federal loss in the latter at Corinth on the 4th and 5th of October, are as follows:

Commissioned officers killed..... 32
Non-commissioned officers killed..... 60
Enlisted men killed..... 223

Total loss in killed..... 315

Commissioned officers wounded..... 38
Non-commissioned officers wounded..... 276
Enlisted men wounded..... 1,450

Total wounded..... 1,812

Commissioned officers missing..... 12
Non-commissioned officers missing..... 215
Enlisted men missing..... 215

Taken prisoners (privates)..... 17

Grand total..... 2,359

The loss of the enemy, calculated from the best sources of information, was 1,423 killed, (and buried by our troops, 13,970 prisoners, including their wounded, 5,600 wounded taken off the field, besides 5,600 wounded taken off the battlefield by the enemy, but dropped along the roads in their hurried retreat, making a total of 9,423.

In the battle of Iuka, the National loss was 143 killed, as follows: Four commissioned officers and 138 enlisted men; 528 wounded, 19 missing and three taken prisoners. Total, 723 National loss.

The loss of the rebels far exceeded ours, their dead left on the field and buried by our troops numbering over 520, 1,300 wounded and 131 prisoners, not including wounded.

ANOTHER "CHANGE OF BASE."

It is stated by officers just arrived from the "advance" of the army of the Potomac, that Gen. McClellan has formally abandoned Harper's Ferry as a base of operations, and has ordered heavy supplies to be sent to Washington. This tallies with our information for the last week.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR, FRANKLIN'S DIVISION.

Dr. CARO, U. S. Army, has been ordered to leave New-York for California, to be ordered to the Army of the Potomac, as Medical Director of Gen. FRANKLIN'S Division, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. WURTS, killed in battle of Antietam.

COAL IN CALIFORNIA.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office received this morning a survey of a railroad to be constructed by "San Joaquin and Merced Railroad Company," leading from the extensive coal mines in Contra Costa County, California, to the San Joaquin River, near its confluence with the Sacramento, and within good water communication with San Francisco.

Four different mines have been opened, called the "Independent Mine," "Pittsburgh Mine," "Eureka Mine," and "Union Mine," and the supplies are said to be inexhaustible. The facility of transportation for coal from these mines to the seaboard, will make San Francisco the great coal station on the Pacific coast. Enough coal exists in Contra Costa County to supply all wants of that article in California. This is but the beginning of the development of the mineral resources of this State, coal in abundance, and also iron and copper, being found in the counties bordering on navigable streams.

The amount thus far subscribed amounts to over one thousand dollars for cash, and every mile of the contemplated railroad and ten per cent. in cash. The amount thus subscribed having been actually paid in. The length of the railroad is to be five miles, and its estimated cost about \$200,000 per mile, or \$100,000, for the purpose of constructing, running, and operating a railroad in the County of Contra Costa, commencing on the South bank of the San Joaquin, at a point between Antioch and what is known as the "Beacon House," and running back to a southerly direction to Union coal mine, one thousand shares, \$100 each. The business office of the Company to be at San Francisco.

The distance from the coal mines to San Francisco by water, is about sixty miles, with good water transportation. The character of the coal is bituminous.

DISTRIBUTION OF POSTAL CURRENCY.

It is not true, as stated in some quarters, that Secretary CAESAR has made any specific arrangement in regard to the delivery of postage currency, except that New-York will be supplied with it in good faith, and that the Western States shall receive their full proportionate share.

REMAINS OF THIEVES AND HOSPITAL NURSES.

Several women having been arrested some days since for robbing the hospitals here, in which they were employed, Miss DIX explains that they were in no way connected with the corps of nurses under her charge.

It is known that these hospital nurses comprise some of the best women in the country, and many who belong to what is popularly known as the "higher class." Several are now ministering to the comfort of the invalid soldiers, who, on this angelic errand, have left homes in the Fifth-avenue and a circle of society the most aristocratic in New-York.

INTERNAL REVENUE DECISIONS.

The following decisions have been made in the Bureau of Internal Revenue:

Establishments of clothing manufacturers are to be considered as retail stores, and they are not, therefore, compelled to take out license as dealers in goods, unless they sell goods other than those manufactured by themselves.

In the matter returned to the Assessor they must state the amount of goods manufactured and sold during the month, but need pay duty only on the amount sold, (removal for consumption).

The fact that the duty of 3 per cent. has been paid on the material used by the manufacturer of clothing, does not entitle him to a refund of the duty on the value of the goods when finished. Nor does clothing made under the provision of section 75, which declares that the duty shall be paid only on the increased value of the goods, entitle him to a refund of the duty on the material used by the manufacturer.

The fact that clothing is manufactured under a contract, and the manufacturer is not the owner of the goods, does not entitle him to a refund of the duty on the material used by the manufacturer.

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ATTACK ON NASHVILLE.

Polk and Breckinridge, with 25,000 Men, on the South.

Morgan, with his Guerrillas, on the North.

Louisville, Ky., Saturday, Nov. 8.

About eighty rebel prisoners arrived from Lebanon, Ky., to-night, including a son of HENRICKY MARSHALL, who had violated his parole and joined the rebels.

The Democratic Bowling Green correspondent, this morning, writes that an escaped prisoner, who left Murfreesboro' on Wednesday, reports that Cens. POLK and BRECKINRIDGE, with 25,000 men and considerable artillery, attacked the south side of Nashville on Friday morning, while the guerrilla JOHN MORGAN, on the north side, with 3,000 men, attempted to destroy the bridge there, but were repulsed. The result of Gen. POLK's attack was not known.

Gen. McCook's Army Corps, comprising Gen. SELL'S, WOODBURY'S and SHERIDAN'S Divisions, reached Nashville on Friday.

Gen. CATTANEN'S Division arrived at Gallatin on Friday, and was moving down toward Nashville.

Gen. CATTANEN, with a portion of Gen. BAIRD'S Army, was at Murfreesboro'.

The remainder of BAIRD'S Army, with the exception of Gen. BAIRD'S Division, left the Cumberland River and were pushing toward Nashville.

Gen. BAIRD had been put under arrest and suspended by Gen. JOSEPH L. JONSTON. BAIRD'S derelictions in the Kentucky campaign, it is stated, were the cause of his arrest.

Nothing had been heard at Murfreesboro', which was in constant telegraphic communication with Mobile, of the capture of the latter city. Fifteen thousand rebel troops are at Mobile.

Louisville, Ky., Saturday, Nov. 8.—11 P. M.

We have been in telegraphic communication with Mitchellville for the last two days, and have received none of the above tidings.

THE ADVANCE TO NASHVILLE.

Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.

BOWLING GREEN, Monday, Nov. 3, 1862.

We are now in the centre of the great military movements in this department for the relief of Nashville, Tenn., and the South-western Railroad.

Gen. FRANKLIN'S Division, which has been ordered to leave New-York for California, to be ordered to the Army of the Potomac, as Medical Director of Gen. FRANKLIN'S Division, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. WURTS, killed in battle of Antietam.

COAL IN CALIFORNIA.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office received this morning a survey of a railroad to be constructed by "San Joaquin and Merced Railroad Company," leading from the extensive coal mines in Contra Costa County, California, to the San Joaquin River, near its confluence with the Sacramento, and within good water communication with San Francisco.

Four different mines have been opened, called the "Independent Mine," "Pittsburgh Mine," "Eureka Mine," and "Union Mine," and the supplies are said to be inexhaustible. The facility of transportation for coal from these mines to the seaboard, will make San Francisco the great coal station on the Pacific coast. Enough coal exists in Contra Costa County to supply all wants of that article in California. This is but the beginning of the development of the mineral resources of this State, coal in abundance, and also iron and copper, being found in the counties bordering on navigable streams.

The amount thus far subscribed amounts to over one thousand dollars for cash, and every mile of the contemplated railroad and ten per cent. in cash. The amount thus subscribed having been actually paid in. The length of the railroad is to be five miles, and its estimated cost about \$200,000 per mile, or \$100,000, for the purpose of constructing, running, and operating a railroad in the County of Contra Costa, commencing on the South bank of the San Joaquin, at a point between Antioch and what is known as the "Beacon House," and running back to a southerly direction to Union coal mine, one thousand shares, \$100 each. The business office of the Company to be at San Francisco.

The distance from the coal mines to San Francisco by water, is about sixty miles, with good water transportation. The character of the coal is bituminous.

DISTRIBUTION OF POSTAL CURRENCY.

It is not true, as stated in some quarters, that Secretary CAESAR has made any specific arrangement in regard to the delivery of postage currency, except that New-York will be supplied with it in good faith, and that the Western States shall receive their full proportionate share.

REMAINS OF THIEVES AND HOSPITAL NURSES.

Several women having been arrested some days since for robbing the hospitals here, in which they were employed, Miss DIX explains that they were in no way connected with the corps of nurses under her charge.

It is known that these hospital nurses comprise some of the best women in the country, and many who belong to what is popularly known as the "higher class." Several are now ministering to the comfort of the invalid soldiers, who, on this angelic errand, have left homes in the Fifth-avenue and a circle of society the most aristocratic in New-York.

INTERNAL REVENUE DECISIONS.

The following decisions have been made in the Bureau of Internal Revenue:

Establishments of clothing manufacturers are to be considered as retail stores, and they are not, therefore, compelled to take out license as dealers in goods, unless they sell goods other than those manufactured by themselves.

In the matter returned to the Assessor they must state the amount of goods manufactured and sold during the month, but need pay duty only on the amount sold, (removal for consumption).

The fact that the duty of 3 per cent. has been paid on the material used by the manufacturer of clothing, does not entitle him to a refund of the duty on the value of the goods when finished. Nor does clothing made under the provision of section 75, which declares that the duty shall be paid only on the increased value of the goods, entitle him to a refund of the duty on the material used by the manufacturer.

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INSTRUCTION

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 To all who require teachers for families and schools. Particulars of the candidates for any department of instruction, given in the most reliable manner.
 To parents who seek good schools for their children.
 To those who desire to become teachers.
 Experienced teachers of classics, French and music, wanted.

NEW OFFICES: D. C. Van Nostrand, LL. D., N. Y., Messrs. Barnes & Burr, No. 51 John-st., N. Y., Messrs. Iveson, Plimney & Co., No. 48 Walker-st., N. Y., D. S. WOOD, 100 Broadway, New York, Agents, Irving Building, No. 508 Broadway.

MRS. C. ANNE STEVEN'S
FRENCH, ENGLISH BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL, No. 36, West 14th-st., N. Y.
 Will receive the THIRTIETH, Sept. 15.
 Class Singing, every Sabbath, 10 o'clock.
 Of Ascension Church. The new class of Miss Margaret, of the same church, will be admitted by Mr. Chalmers may be obtained the last Friday in October. Circulars No. 66 West 11th-st.

MRS. LEVERETTE
FRENCH AND ENGLISH BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL, No. 32 West 14th-st., N. Y.
 Will receive on the THIRTIETH, Sept. 15. Circulars, stating terms, &c., may be obtained at the above address.

BENJAMIN MANON'S
MILITARY AND COLLEGIATE BOARDING SCHOOL, YORKERS, N. Y.
 Circulars No. 38 West 14th-st., N. Y.

EAGLE-WOOD YOUNG MEN'S ACADEMY
 Eagle-wood, (Perth Amboy), N. J.
 Pupils received at any time, paying from date of entrance.

Access by Staten Island Ferry and Railroad at 7 and 9 o'clock, A. M. and 2 P. M. Circulars and full information of MARCUS SPRING, Eagle-wood, Perth Amboy, N. J., and No. 21 Park-place.

FRENCH, ENGLISH, READINGS AND
BOARDING SCHOOL, No. 100 West 14th-st., N. Y.
 University. The various courses will begin NEXT WEEK, at the Professor's residence, No. 1 West 21st-st., N. Y., at 7 o'clock, P. M. Circulars, stating terms, &c., may be obtained at the above address, 55. Apply at the above address for prospectus and cards. Boarders received.

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 and of the Institution of the "Lycée de France," is desirous of continuing to teach the French Language in the English and American Schools, and of giving private lessons. He has had many successful and satisfactory references from the French Institute. Apply at their residence, No. 12 West 21st-st., N. Y.

PARK AND BENTLEY'S BOOKS-TO-LET
FRENCH AND ENGLISH BOOKS
21st-st., corner of Broadway, will be reopened Nov. 15. There is a Primary Department under a female teacher. French is given in one department and in the 2nd and 3rd grades. Circulars at 100 WOOD ST. 41 Broadway.

IRVING INSTITUTE, TAKEYTON, N. Y.
The 15th Sem. and 16th Sem. and commencing Nov. 1. For circulars address
D. S. ROWE, A. M.

JOHN MACMILLAN'S CLASSICAL, GREEK and English and Primary School, 31 No. 78, Parkside, corner of 24th-st., was reopened on MONDAY, Sept. 1. Circulars sent to 100 WOOD ST. 41 Broadway. Price, No. 411, 65c, and 84 Broadway.

COOPERSTOWN SEMINARY - COOPERSTOWN, New-York. \$40 pays board, washing, etc.

Dec. 5. Address R. D. F. A. C. N.

DROP BLUE CRAWLERS' INSTITUTE—The first term of the Drop Blue Crawlers' Institute will begin on Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 o'clock. The institute will be held at the Navy School. Primary Department, gymnasium, Keokuk, Iowa.

MRS. GEO. C. ANTHON'S CLASSICAL—French, English and Primary School, with Gymnasium, Keokuk, Iowa. Will open on Monday, Sept. 8. Circulars at the school and at Keokuk, Iowa.

YOUTH'S HOME BOARDING-SCHOOL—on farm, near Hackensack, N.J., terms, and year. For circulars, address: H. WILSON, Princeton, N.J.

RICHARD P. JENKS' CLASSICAL AND MODERN SCHOOL, Keokuk, Iowa. Will be opened on Monday, Sept. 8.

JOHN WOOD'S GYMNASIUM—No. 40 E. East Street, near 9th Ave. Will be reopened for the second term on Monday, Sept. 8. Will accept prior physical training for youths in connection with the course.

under the direction of an experienced pilot and graduate of the college.

WANTED—A SUPERIOR POSITION IN SOME high-toned family or elsewhere, by a young, largely experienced, as editor's assistant, or counter-organizer, or in any of the above mentioned lines of painting. She refers to prominent references for the assurance that high expectations are not now common to persons with information of this world-renowned what might require but a few hours each day or week.

Miss WARRER, Box No. 181, T. N. Office.

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R.I. RAILWAY.—PASSENGER TRAINS
 leave from foot of Chambers-street 8 A. M.; Mail:
 M. Express for Buffalo, 9 A. M.; Milk, daily, for
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 stations. CHAS. MINOT, Gen'l. Supt.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.
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IMPORTANT NEWS.

Gen. McClellan Relieved of the Command of the Army of the Potomac.

Gen. Burnside Appointed in his Place.

The Order of Displacement Delivered on Friday Night.

A FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE SOLDIERS

General McClellan on his way to Trenton, N. J.

How the News was Received in Washington.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, SALT, Va., Saturday, Nov. 8—12 o'clock, noon. The order relieving Major-Gen. McClellan from the command of the army of the Potomac was received at headquarters at 11 o'clock last night. It was entirely unexpected to all, and therefore every one was taken by surprise.

On its receipt, the command was immediately turned over to Gen. BURNSIDE.

Gen. McClellan and his Staff will leave tomorrow for Trenton, where he is ordered to report.

The order was delivered to him by Gen. BUCKINGHAM, in person.

His last official act was the issuing of an address to his soldiers, informing them in a few words that the command had devolved on Gen. BURNSIDE, and taking an affectionate leave of them.

THE NEWS IN WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 9.

The removal of Gen. McClellan, and the significant fact of his being ordered to report to his family at Trenton, have produced some excitement here to-day. At the hotels, crowds have been discussing the subject, and occasionally the feelings of some have found expression in language disrespectful to the President and disloyal to the Government. The truly loyal and more sensible of Gen. McClellan's friends, however, whilst they regret his removal, acquiesce in the action of the President, as the friends and admirers of other Generals have done on like occasions. It is certain that Mr. LINCOLN never performed a duty which gave him so much pain as did the removal of McClellan just at this time; but facts recently presented in an official speech by the General-in-Chief made it clear to the President that he had but one course to pursue, and when these facts are given to the public, as they will be soon, all true supporters of the Government will not hesitate to concede the wisdom of the act, whilst those who are blinded by prejudice, and those animated by a spirit of disloyalty, will, of course, seize this occasion as an opportunity for renewing their expressions of hostility to the Administration.

A few gentlemen, wearing shoulder straps, have been rendering themselves to-day, fit subjects for the Old Capitol Prison, by talking loudly against the act of relieving McClellan of his command. A Lieutenant-Colonel said publicly, to-night, that if by fighting another hour he could put down the rebellion, he would not do so.

It is understood that Judge Holt has written a long letter to a gentleman of your City, strongly condemnatory of Gen. McClellan's course, which it is said will be made public.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 9.

The first information the public received of the relief of Gen. McClellan from the command of the Army of the Potomac, was through the telegram published this morning. It affords a general theme of conversation and comment, and excites surprise, the event occurring unexpectedly. The cause of the Executive action in the premises does not appear to be known outside of official circles, and hence the absence of facts gives rise to conflicting speculations.

Gen. McClellan, it is said, passed through Washington to-day, on his way to Trenton.

THE ELEVATION OF BURNSIDE.

REJOICING IN PROVIDENCE.

PROVIDENCE, Sunday, Nov. 9.

By order of Gov. SPRAGUE, a salute of 100 guns is to be fired here to-morrow noon, in honor of the appointment of the Rhode Island-General, BURNSIDE, to the command of the Army of the Potomac.

THE NEWS IN PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, Nov. 9.

The removal of Gen. McClellan has caused much excitement throughout the city, and is the universal topic of conversation. Among the rumors as to the cause, it is said that some instructions from the General-in-Chief were not followed, and that the escape of the army followed as a consequence.

Forster's Press of to-morrow, in speaking of the removal, says: It was purely a military act, and was the result of

a military consultation and decision, although recommended to the President and approved by him some time ago. It was only finally resolved upon after the change became inevitable. No act of the present Administration, we might say no Executive act since the beginning of the Government, has been the subject of more careful deliberation.

GENERAL McCLELLAN.

Letter from Gen. Halleck to the Secretary of War Concerning Gen. McClellan's Complaints of Lack of Supplies.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY, WASHINGTON, Oct. 28, 1862.

Hon. E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War—Sir: In reply to the general interrogatories contained in your letter of yesterday, I have to report:

First—That requisitions for supplies to the army under Gen. McClellan were made by his Staff officers on the Chief of Bureau here, that is, for Quartermaster's supplies by his Chief Quartermaster on the Quartermaster-General; for commissary supplies by his Chief Commissary on the Commissary-General, &c. No such requisitions have been to my knowledge made upon the Secretary of War, and none upon the General-in-Chief.

Second—On several occasions Gen. McClellan has telegraphed to me that his army was deficient in certain supplies. All these telegrams were immediately referred to the heads of Bureau with orders to report.

It was ascertained that in every instance the requisitions had been immediately filled, except one, where the Quartermaster-General had been obliged to send from Philadelphia certain articles of clothing, tents, &c., not having a full supply here. There has not been, so far as I could ascertain, any neglect or delay in any Department or Bureau, in issuing all supplies asked for by Gen. McClellan or by the officers of his Staff. Delays have occasionally occurred in forwarding supplies by rail, on account of the crowded condition of the depots or of a want of cars; but whenever notified of this, arrangements have been sent out to remove the difficulty. Under the excellent superintendence of Gen. HARRY, I think these delays have been less frequent and of shorter duration than is usual with freight trains. An army of the size of that under Gen. McClellan will frequently be for some days without the supplies asked for, on account of neglect in making timely requisitions, and unavoidable delays in forwarding them, and in distributing them to the different brigades and regiments. From all the information I can obtain, I am of opinion that the requisitions from that army have been filled more promptly, and that the men, as a general rule, have been better supplied than our armies operating in the West. The latter have operated at much greater distances from the sources of supply, and have had less facilities of transportation. In fact, I believe that no armies in the world, while in campaign, have been more promptly or better supplied than ours.

Third—Soon after the battle of Antietam, Gen. McClellan was urged to give me information of his intended movements, in order that, if he moved between the enemy and Washington, reinforcements could be sent from this place. On the 1st of October, finding that he purposed to operate from Harper's Ferry, I urged him to cross the river at once and give battle to the enemy, pointing out to him the disadvantages of delaying till the autumn rains had swollen the Potomac and impaired the roads. On the 4th of October he was peremptorily ordered to "cross the Potomac and give battle to the enemy, or drive him south. Your army must move now while the roads are good." It will be observed that three weeks have elapsed since this order was given.

Fourth—In my opinion, there has been no such want of supplies in the army under Gen. McClellan as to prevent his compliance with the orders to advance against the enemy. Had he moved to the south side of the Potomac, he could have received his supplies almost as readily as by remaining inactive on the north.

Fifth—On the 7th of October, in a telegram in regard to his intended movements, Gen. McClellan stated that it would require at least three days to supply the First, Fifth and Sixth Corps; that they needed shoes and other indispensable articles of clothing, as well as shelter tents. No complaint was made that any requisitions had not been filled, and it was inferred from his language that he was only waiting for the distribution of his supplies. On the 11th, he telegraphed that a portion of his supplies, sent by rail, had been delayed. As already stated, agents were immediately sent from here to investigate this complaint, and they reported that everything had gone forward. On the same date (the 11th) he spoke of many of his horses being broken down by fatigue. On the 12th he complained that the rate of supply was only "150 horses per week for the entire army there and in front of Washington." I immediately directed the Quartermaster-General to inquire into this matter and report why a larger supply was not furnished. Gen. Mizes reported on the 14th, that the average issue of horses to Gen. McClellan's army in the field and in front of Washington for the previous six weeks, had been 1,450 per week, or 8,754 in all. In addition, that large numbers of mules had been supplied, and that the number of animals with Gen. McClellan's army on the Upper Potomac was over thirty-one thousand. He also reported that he was then sending to that army all the horses he could procure.

On the 15th, Gen. McClellan stated in regard to Gen. Mizes' report that he had filled every requisition for shoes and clothing: "Gen. Mizes may have ordered these articles to be forwarded, but they have not reached our depots; and unless greater effort to insure prompt transmission is made by the Department of which Gen. Mizes is the head, they might as well remain in New-York or Philadelphia, so far as this army is concerned." I immediately called Gen. Mizes' attention to this apparent neglect of his Department. On the 21st he reported as the result of his investigation, that 45,000 pairs of boots and shoes had been received by the Quartermaster of Gen. McClellan's army at Harper's Ferry, Frederick and Hagerstown; that 20,000 pairs were at Harper's Ferry depot on the 21st; that 10,000 more were on their way, and 15,000 more ordered. Col. INGLIS, Aid-de-Camp and Chief Quartermaster to Gen. McClellan, telegraphed on the 25th: "The suffering for want of clothing is exaggerated, I think, and certainly might have been avoided by timely requisitions of regimental and brigade commanders." On the 24th he telegraphed to the Quartermaster-General that the clothing was not detained in cars at the depots. "Such complaints are groundless. The fact is, the clothing arrives and is issued, but more is still wanted. I have ordered more than would seem necessary from my data furnished me, and I beg to remind you that you have always very promptly met all my requisitions so far as clothing is concerned. Our depot is given no fault. It provides as soon as due notice is given. I foresee no time when an army of over one hundred thousand men will not call for clothing and other articles."

In regard to Gen. McClellan's means of promptly communicating the wants of his army to me or to the proper Bureaus of the War Department, I report that in addition to the ordinary mails, he has been in hourly communication with Washington by telegram. It is due to Gen. Mizes that I should submit herewith a copy of a telegram received by him from Gen. McClellan. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, H. W. HALLACK, General-in-Chief.

UNITED STATES MILITARY TELEGRAPH.

(Received Oct. 22, 1862—9:40 P. M.)

From McClellan to Halleck, Washington.

Telegraphic dispatch of this date is received. I have

never intended in any letter or dispatch to make any accusation against yourself, or your department, for not furnishing or forwarding clothing as rapidly as it was possible for you to do. I believe that everything has been done that could be done in this respect. The idea that I have tried to convey was, that certain portions of the command were without clothing, and the army could not move until it was supplied. (Signed.) G. B. McCLELLAN, M. G.

ARMY OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA.

Stuart Again Defeated by Gen. Pleasanton.

Three Pieces of Artillery and Several Officers Captured.

The Bridge Across the Rappahannock Held by Gen. Bayard.

THE STRUCTURE UNINJURED.

Details of Recent Skirmishes During the Advance.

HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 9.

Gen. PLEASANTON yesterday, in a skirmish with STUART, near Little Washington, captured three pieces of artillery, also a Captain, Lieutenant and five privates. No loss has been reported.

Gen. Bayard yesterday occupied and now holds the railroad bridge across the Rappahannock. The bridge is not injured.

The bridge across Broad River has been destroyed.

There is nothing new up to this writing from the front at the Rappahannock.

The weather is clear and cold.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ADVANCE.

LETTER FROM THE EXTREME FRONT.

FOURTY-FIVE MILES FROM THE POTOMAC, AND FIVE MILES FROM MARKHAM, Wednesday Evening, Nov. 5, 1862.

The Grand Army moves with lightning speed.

Such rapid marching as we have performed during the past four days is truly wonderful, and indicates a zeal and vigor on the part of our generals hitherto unknown.

My last letter to you left Gen. PLEASANTON at Uniontown, Sunday noon, driving Stuart's Cavalry before him. Soon after they received reinforcements, but to no purpose. Our cavalry and artillery continued pushing them back, until they reached their infantry force at Upperville, a little village, situated on the direct track from Winchester to Alexandria.

Yet there was no rest for the wicked. National guns continued their shower of shot and shell, and cavalry and infantry alike skedaddled. The former took the road leading in a southwesterly direction to Piedmont, a small station situated on the Manassas Gap Railroad. Our cavalry still pursued them, shelling them from every new position they occupied. They continued their flight toward Markham, another small station, five miles in the direction of the Gap. A spirited engagement took place here yesterday afternoon, resulting in the death of sixteen rebels and the wounding of several of our own men. In about the centre of the village, where the road turns to a hill with a gradual ascent. Behind this the rebels planted two of their guns, intending to open on our men as they came up. Pickets were thrown out in order to make known our approach. The Lieutenant who was stationing them presented a conspicuous mark, and four balls, shot from the distance of one hundred and fifty yards, tumbled him dead on the sodden. He lies buried by the wayside.

No sooner had the position of the rebel guns become known, than it was determined to storm them. Lieut. ASH and HASTINGS, of the Fifth Regulars, with half a squadron of men, dashed forward on the hazardous undertaking. Steadily they galloped onward through the fields, turning neither to the right or left, and had nearly reached the coveted prize, when suddenly a high stone fence presented an insurmountable barrier to their further advance. The bold movement, however, alarmed the rebels, and the guns were moved on to another position. Here we were more successful, and a second charge of our men resulted in the capture of Confederate cannon. The small force were not properly supported, however, and the enemy succeeded in recapturing them. Once more the identical guns were taken by a charge, but once more lost on account of the smallness of the charging force. The following men were wounded in these encounters, all belonging to the Fifth Regular Cavalry:

Michael Clary, Co. D—leg, by solid shot; since amputated.

John Jennings, Co. D—forearm, by ball, flesh wound.

Martin Sharp, Co. E—leg, slight.

Thomas Lindell, Co. H—brain, dangerous.

Graham, Co. H—scalp, slight.

James M. Gulon, Co. J—chest, not dangerous.

In the skirmishes of the day preceding the following men of this regiment were also wounded:

Conrad Rasnor—a toe, by rebel pistol-shot.

Michael Carey, by ball from revolver, not dangerous.

Thos. Caulfield—lung, dangerous.

The solid shot which took off Clary's leg passed clean through the body of his horse. Chief Bugler KLINE knocked the revolver from the hands of a rebel, after he had discharged it at him five times. Saarp's Lieutenant afterward killed the Confederate who inflicted a wound on him. Some fourteen prisoners were taken. We had about a dozen horses killed.

Following our last charge, the enemy continued their flight in the direction of the Gap. Our forces tarried for a short time, selecting what was formerly a tavern-stand for a hospital, where the wounded are now being kindly provided for. Markham is a place of some eight or ten houses. I have yet here the most intelligent man I met, Mr. MARSHALL, owner of a splendid plantation, well stocked with slaves. Though strongly Southern in his sentiments, he yet extended to us the hospitality of his mansion, and exhibited those characteristics which mark the Christian gentleman. He conversed freely concerning the war, its causes and probable results. He had perused the speeches of SUMNER and JOHN VAN BUREN at the Cooper Institute, and was disappointed at finding two such Southern sympathizers advocating a prosecution of this war. It would terminate, he was content, in nothing save a further alienation between the two sections.

Pursuing the enemy, we overtook him not far

from the village, and again opened with our batteries. By this time they had received reinforcements, and we were compelled to fall back for a time. This morning, however, the chase was renewed, the enemy retiring before us, though contesting every inch of ground as they retired. When about four miles and a half from the village they pushed forward, baraded the road with wagons, timber, &c., and planted guns on hills to the right and left. As our men came up they opened upon them, when detachments of the Eighth Illinois, Eighth Pennsylvania and Third Indiana deployed out on both sides of the road for a charge, which was made in splendid style. The Eighth Illinois acted most gallantly, charging right up to the cannon's mouth, routing the enemy and capturing several prisoners. Among the number was one Captain, who was injured by his horse falling upon him, which had been shot through the shoulder. It was a noble deed, and the owner appeared to regret its death more than his own capture. He was conveyed to an adjoining farm-house, near as a hospital, and seemed very thankful as well as surprised at the kind attentions which he received from our men. A corporal in Company B, Eighth Illinois and a private in Company E, were killed. There were also several wounded, whose names will be forwarded you to-morrow. They bore up under their wounds most heroically. One injured very severely in one leg came in laughing, and exclaiming, "I can walk one leg yet." Another, on being asked if he was severely hurt, replied, "Yes; but I don't care anything about that, as long as we have whipped the rebels." Side by side a National and a Confederate horseman, who had shot one another dead. After the engagement, pickets were sent out to watch the arrival of PIATT's Brigade of Infantry. The contest will be renewed on the morrow. It is the general impression that this force of cavalry, to-day increased to three brigades, is compelling the retreat of the rebel forces. No one appears to, and probably no one does know, save the commanding General, if it be true that the Confederate forces are retreating. Gen. McClellan undoubtedly intends to pursue and attack them before they have time to fall back and occupy some chosen position. The rapid hurrying forward of the infantry can mean nothing else, unless it be that the bulk of the rebel army is still in the Shenandoah Valley, and a flank movement is determined upon. Should this be the case, it has already been accomplished, for we have got in the rear of Winchester, Berryville and Bunker-Hill, and Ashby's and Snicker's Gap are occupied, thereby preventing their crossing the mountain and getting between us and the base of supplies. The case with which they gave up these important gaps inclines me to the former belief, viz, that they have retreated. If this be so, the forces which they left in the Shenandoah to decide us by threatening Harper's Ferry, will certainly find it difficult to escape. All goes well whichever hypothesis is true. Gen. McClellan's headquarters to-night are at Rector-town, about ten miles from Upperville. About all of our force, save those left to hold the Gap, are on this side of the latter named place, encamped for the night in the vicinity of Markham, Piedmont, Rector-town and adjoining places. The men are in the best of spirits, and think they can see their way clearly to Richmond this time.

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Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue VANCE has addressed a letter to Mr. J. D. VAN DYKE, Chairman of the Committee of the New-York Clearing-House Association, in which he states that the Government now have increased facilities for supplying internal revenue stamps, and all orders now in this office of the kind already engaged, will be filled before the 15th inst. Within a very short time, plates for every denomination of the different kinds of stamps will be finished and all orders will be promptly supplied. When this can be done, an order will emanate from this Department, giving notice that after a certain day stamps must be used, or the penalty will be enforced in all cases where stamps can be promptly furnished by the Government on application.

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IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST

Gen. Grant's Army Pressing Toward Holly Springs.

The Rebels Preparing to Evacuate.

AN EXPEDITION FROM HELENA, ARK.

CAIRO, Saturday, Nov. 8.

Gen. GRANT has made his headquarters at La Grange, near the Mississippi line. The railroad from Jackson to that place is in running order.

A telegram from Col. LOW, from Fort Henry to headquarters here, says there is no doubt about Gen. ROSSARD's having had a fight with the rebel Woodward's command in the vicinity of Garrettsburg. Reports from various sources indicate the rout of the rebels. We have nothing definite, however.

A letter from Memphis says that 500 guerrillas are in the vicinity of Collierville, enforcing the conscription.

Gen. SHERMAN issued an order prohibiting the importation of liquors to Memphis, except by gentlemen citizens or officers, for the exclusive use of themselves or families, or by regular apothecaries for medical purposes, to be retailed on physicians' prescription, by keepers of hotels, licensed saloons in limited quantities, not exceeding at any one time one month's supply.

The Grenada Appeal, of the 5th, says there was a great fire in Augusta on the 4th, which burned cotton warehouses, &c., valued at \$500,000.

GEORGE N. SACDRESS has returned from his European mission, and brings most gratifying assurances of a speedy recognition of the Confederacy. The people of the South greatly rejoice thereat. Belgium is to take the initiative.

In the Memphis Bulletin of the 7th, it is said: "A large Federal army passed South from Grand Junction on Tuesday last." It further learns from a gentleman who lives in De Soto County, Miss., that for 20 miles out on the Pigeon Roost road the rebel cavalry have entirely disappeared. The same gentleman says for several days past the rebels at Holly Springs have been moving back all their prisoners and stores. This was understood to be preparatory to evacuating that place. It is believed they will fall back on Grenada.

On Wednesday last an expedition left Helena for Cotton Plant, where it was understood a rebel force of 2,500 strong had gathered. They took five days' rations. Nothing has been heard from them. A cavalry force also crossed from Helena into Mississippi to punish rebel bands, who have recently given great annoyance by forays on National pickets.

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TERRIBLE DISASTER

Destruction of the Brooklyn Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum by Fire.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Several Hundred Turned Into the Street—Meeting in Behalf of the Unfortunates, &c.

About 2½ o'clock, Sunday morning, a fire broke out in the extensive building on Bedford-avenue, between Willoughby and DeKalb-avenues, Brooklyn, occupied as an Asylum for Roman Catholic orphan boys, and resulted in its complete destruction, together with the loss of two lives. The structure is of brick, 150 feet front by 100 in depth, and five stories to height. The grounds attached comprise fourteen lots, and extend from Bedford-avenue to Spencer-street, affording ample space for exercise in fine weather. About 150 feet in the rear is a wooden shed about 30 by 75 feet in extent, which is designed for a play-house in inclement weather. The main building is divided into apartments for the accommodation of the Superintendents and Assistants, and conveniences are provided for 250 children. The second, third and fourth floors were used as sleeping apartments. Heat was furnished by means of furnaces, two of which were located in the basement under the north wing, and two under the south wing. The main entrances in front and rear of the centre building, the halls and stairways, were all of wide dimensions, and to this feature, together with the presence of mind and the vigilance displayed by those in charge, it is mainly owing that the conflagration did not result more disastrously—for, as far as could be ascertained, two children only, out of 248, lost their lives.

The fire was caused by the overheating of a stove leading from one of the furnaces of the south wing. The floors and other wood work inside, being of pitch pine, ignited with great rapidity and the flames quickly extended upward until the whole was enveloped. The teachers were aroused from their slumbers by one of the lady assistants, and immediately proceeded to save the children. In this they were fortunately most successful, having, in a very short time, been able to conduct them to the play-house. It was supposed at the time that no one was missing, and the police and firemen were so informed. The efforts to suppress the flames were not successful, however, and the building was completely consumed.

Some two hours thereafter, Mr. James Gill, of Horse Company No. 13, discovered the remains of a child on one of the upper floors, and Messrs. BAAR, of Engine No. 3, and WALSH, STANTON and COYAN, of Truck No. 3, found another child, who was taken to the Ninth Ward Station-house. The children had doubtless become bewildered, and ascended to the upper floors, instead of coming down to the street.

Nearly all the books and papers were consumed. A record of the names of the children was saved, and, on calling the roll, all answered but two, named MICHAEL CAHILL and DAVID MCMAHON.

At the time of the fire the wind was blowing strongly from the northwest, and the rain was falling in torrents. The ground was covered with snow and slush, and through this the children were compelled to wade, barefoot and in their night-clothes, to the play-house on Spencer-street, which proved a temporary place of refuge from the elements. Subsequently they were conducted to the neighboring residences, and everything possible was done (with one exception) by all to relieve the sufferings of the children.

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you want the maritime law adjusted, we must adopt the same plan. [Hear, hear.] If the Chamber of Commerce take the matter up, it will be a matter of course that they will have to consider the question of the adjustment of the law. We now stand under different circumstances to those of 1838. We had not then the pleasure of seeing Liverpool joining us so heartily as we do now. [Applause.] If Manchester and Liverpool, and the rest of the Chamber of Commerce, are to be progressive, and to all that looks to reform as necessary for the improvement of mankind. You will have all that great Liberal party, the whole of our town populations; they will all join you, and you will make short work of it, I will promise you. [Applause and laughter.]

Mr. T. BAZLEY, M.P., proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. CONDEX. The motion was seconded by Mr. CONDEX, who invited Mr. CONDEX to deliver a similar address in Liverpool. Mr. CONDEX, in reply, said he was thankful to his Liverpool friends for their invitation; but he was under a ban, which would restrain him from doing more than attend one meeting of his constituents, on Wednesday, after which he must return to his office and go into winter quarters, in the hope that he should preserve his voice for the meeting of Parliament, without the necessity of going abroad. Then, he need not say, he should be at their disposal. [Applause.] The proceedings then terminated.

FROM ENGLAND.

Union Victories—Spence Rewarded—Famine and Pestilence in Lancashire—The Roman Question—Northern Sympathizers in Europe—Finance—The Proclamation—The Conspiracy of the Northern Democrats—Duty of the Government—State Rights and Secession.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Oct. 24, 1862.

England is slow to believe in Union victories. The news must come from Richmond before the London Times will allow that the Confederates are beaten. It rejoices over a cavalry raid into Pennsylvania, but is silent about the terrible defeat of the rebels at Corinth.

There is nothing new of intervention or recognition. Mr. SPENCE urged it strenuously in the Times. He gets awarded sometimes for his advocacy of Southern interests. The Alabama, Confederate steamer, released a ship lately which it had taken, because the consignment was to his house at Liverpool. When last heard from, the Alabama was on the look out for the Dreadnought packet ship, supposed to be loaded with contraband of war.

But if there is no public move for recognition, there is coming a terrible pressure. By Christmas there will be 780,000 paupers to feed in Lancashire. Before the winter is over, the number will rise to a million. Cold, hunger, idleness, crowding, filth and despair are already beginning to produce their natural results—pestilence. Typhus has broken out in some of the workhouses. It can scarcely fail to spread. So pestilence will be added to grievous famine. Private charity will soon be exhausted, and the Government must come to the rescue. Then, if not sooner, not only recognition, but intervention will be urged as national necessities.

There is another reason for this belief. A nation cannot be occupied with two subjects at the same time. The Italian question, for the present, settled. Louis Napoleon will not leave Rome, and Italy must be content without her capital. This matter settled, English thought and feeling are free to concentrate upon America. There are yet advocates of the North. They were heard in the Evangelical Alliance. Their sympathy, however, rests upon the single ground of opposition to Slavery. So far as the National Government was against Slavery, so far they have a certain amount of European sympathy, though less even in this England than elsewhere. On political grounds, there is none that is appreciable; and such is the pressure of opinion that papers which have, up to this time, resolutely maintained the Northern cause, have been obliged to haul down the flag and give up a few of their subscribers. It has been one of the few Northern papers in London; but it lost caste and subscribers, and was obliged, very reluctantly, to give up its advocacy and accept of recognition. It was one of the results of the declaration of Mr. Gladstone at Newcastle.

The immediate hope of the Southern sympathizers here is in the failure of Northern Finance. At the last dates Government paper had depreciated 30 per cent, and exchange had reached 145. This, to Englishmen, is utterly astounding. In a country where paper is sold, and gold commands only 2 per cent, interest, such discounts are equivalent to ruin. They cannot believe that a paper currency, so far depreciated from metallic and European standards, can be used by a Government to carry on its operations; and when armies are for months unpaid, even with such paper, they expect mutiny to be added to bankruptcy. But they forget that in financial matters, the South is in a still weaker condition. They forget that money of any kind is but a representation of values, and that the Government can not only take all the money it requires by conscription, but can also take what is required to feed and clothe them, by a similar process. They forget the illimitable power of a great nation, whose will finds expression and action in a single Executive.

The Abolition Proclamation of Mr. Lincoln is still discussed, and still denounced, either as a half-way measure, or as one worthy of the King of Dahomey. The Abolitionists object to it that it promises to return Slavery in all the States which are not, or will not be, to rebellion on New Year's. They dread every Northern victory, and fear that the South may be conquered too soon for the slaves to become free. On the other hand, the Press which follows the leadership of the Times, pours out its vitals of wrath on a President who could make the most horrible of war on women and children, and involve old and young, innocent and guilty, in one common ruin.

We are always in suspense. A little while ago it was the fate of Washington; then Louisville and Cincinnati. At present we wait for the result of the elections. There is some hope here that the Democrats, who are known to sympathize with the South, will carry New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. This, it is believed, would end the war. The hypocritical declarations of men who rejoice over every Northern defeat, that they are for the Union, are perfectly understood; and the election of Seymour in New York, it is hoped, would end the war with the South, or produce another in the North.

It is a danger of such a revolt, the duty of the President is very plain. It is his duty to prevent the success of a conspiracy against the life of the Nation. Martial law is already proclaimed in the North—everywhere in the United States in fact. No other law exists, since it overrides every other. The Federal corpus is suspended. It will be the duty of the President to suspend the writ of Habeas Corpus, and to suspend the Government of a State or member of Congress, whom he has reason to believe is conspiring against the Government. There is good precedent for it in the case of the rebel legislators in Maryland. It is no more a question of a shilly-shally policy. There is no reason why a man in the North should meet with more favor than a man in the South. A man in the North who is a traitor to his country, should be treated as a traitor to his country, and should be punished as such. The Government should not be divided into two parts, one for the North and one for the South. The Government should be one, and should be for the Union.

all wills, and carry out the great National will, of which it should be the organ. If a single Northern State is permitted to make an organized resistance to the National Government, the cause of the Union is lost. The war now raging is between National and State sovereignty. If State sovereignty can oppose the National will in New Jersey or Ohio, why not in South Carolina or Alabama? State sovereignty means the right of secession. Here is the whole conflict. The North, with its countless hundreds of millions, is fighting for the Union, for the right to determine only one point—whether America is a nation, or only a congeries of nations, each sovereign and independent, and with the right to secede from all the others. It is a welding together of parts never yet fully united, in fire and blood. It is the end of the contest that began with the revolution—the contest of the centrifugal and centripetal forces. Those who are familiar with the debates in the State Conventions which ratified the Constitution, know no better as the fight. The Democratic element, then as now, was opposed to the Union, and it has planted the seeds of disunion in all the State Constitutions. There is scarcely one of them which does not assert, almost in direct terms, the right of secession. All this will be changed when the Union cause has been established.

The cry of despotism should never alarm the man who has a work to do worth the doing. War itself is the most terrible of despotisms, and justifiable only upon the principle that the end sanctifies the means. In politics there is no other. You kill one man, or thousands, because the end to be gained by it is worth the cost. So of every act necessary to the national life. In a nation, as with an individual, self-preservation is the first law of nature. MONADNOCK.

A Singular Will Case.

TESTING THE VALIDITY OF A COLORED WOMAN'S WILL.

From the Philadelphia Ledger, Nov. 8.

A very singular and important case has just been tried in the Common Pleas, Judge Ludlow. It involves the validity of a will made by a colored woman, Nancy Williams, who is a native of Maryland. She was a slave, and her husband, Mr. Williams, was a free man. She was married to him in 1850, and he died in 1855, leaving her a widow. She then lived with him until his death in 1860, and then she lived with him until his death in 1865. She then lived with him until his death in 1870, and then she lived with him until his death in 1875. She then lived with him until his death in 1880, and then she lived with him until his death in 1885. She then lived with him until his death in 1890, and then she lived with him until his death in 1895. She then lived with him until his death in 1900, and then she lived with him until his death in 1905. She then lived with him until his death in 1910, and then she lived with him until his death in 1915. She then lived with him until his death in 1920, and then she lived with him until his death in 1925. She then lived with him until his death in 1930, and then she lived with him until his death in 1935. She then lived with him until his death in 1940, and then she lived with him until his death in 1945. She then lived with him until his death in 1950, and then she lived with him until his death in 1955. She then lived with him until his death in 1960, and then she lived with him until his death in 1965. She then lived with him until his death in 1970, and then she lived with him until his death in 1975. She then lived with him until his death in 1980, and then she lived with him until his death in 1985. She then lived with him until his death in 1990, and then she lived with him until his death in 1995. She then lived with him until his death in 2000, and then she lived with him until his death in 2005. She then lived with him until his death in 2010, and then she lived with him until his death in 2015. She then lived with him until his death in 2020, and then she lived with him until his death in 2025. She then lived with him until his death in 2030, and then she lived with him until his death in 2035. She then lived with him until his death in 2040, and then she lived with him until his death in 2045. She then lived with him until his death in 2050, and then she lived with him until his death in 2055. She then lived with him until his death in 2060, and then she lived with him until his death in 2065. She then lived with him until his death in 2070, and then she lived with him until his death in 2075. She then lived with him until his death in 2080, and then she lived with him until his death in 2085. She then lived with him until his death in 2090, and then she lived with him until his death in 2095. 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NEW-YORK, MONDAY, NOV. 10, 1863.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

WALLACK'S-MUSICALS.—THE IRON CHEST—DON CASAR DE IVAN.
 NEW-YORK GARDEN—THE RED GEM.
 GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—THE MAGIC FLUTE.
 IRVING HALL—FATHER REED'S OLD FOLKS' CONCERT.
 BARNUM'S MUSEUM—CON. NUTT, COLORED TROPICAL FISH, and other Curiosities, at all hours—PAUVRETT, OR UNDER THE SNOW, Afternoon and Evening.
 GEORGE CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS—HALL OF MINSTRELS—No. 25 Broadway—Tobacco with JAPAN.
 HOPE CHAPEL—TIBBELL'S CALIFORNIA.
 FLYING CHURCH, BROOKLYN—MERCANTILE L. B. ASSOCIATION—GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN WILL GO "ROUND THE WORLD."
 BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC—VIRGINIA.
 511 BROADWAY—A FAIR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE "POOR-HOUSE OF MARY."
 FAIR OF MUSIC—CAMPBELL'S MINSTRELS.
 601 HICKS, NO. 11 BROADWAY—YERGEN'S PICTURE OF THE FORT AND MARKET OF RIO DE JANEIRO.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Gen. McCLELLAN, it will be seen by our dispatches this morning, has been relieved of the command of the Army of the Potomac, and Gen. BURNSIDE has been installed in his place. The order making this new arrangement was delivered to Gen. McCLELLAN at Headquarters at 11 o'clock on Thursday night, by Gen. BUCKINGHAM, of the War Department, in person. Gen. McCLELLAN's last official act was the issuing of an address on Saturday to the army, giving the information in a few words that the command had devolved upon Gen. BURNSIDE, and taking an affectionate leave of his fellow-soldiers. The General and his Staff were to leave yesterday for Trenton.

Our dispatches, both special and to the Associated Press, agree in the statement that the main rebel army had eluded Gen. McCLELLAN, at least so far as to avoid a battle in the Shenandoah Valley. Headquarters of the army were established at Warrenton on Friday, which place was taken possession of by our advance on the day previous. The rebel Gen. A. P. HILL's command was at Warrenton on Wednesday, his command and STUART'S Cavalry forming the rear guard of LEE's force. Dispatches from Warrenton, yesterday, bring the important information that Gen. PLEASANTON had a skirmish on Saturday, near Little Washington, with STUART'S Cavalry, in which he captured three pieces of artillery, and that Gen. BAYARD, on the same day, occupied and now holds the railroad bridge across the Rappahannock—the structure being unimpaired. The bridge across Broad Run had been destroyed by the rebels, but as that is further back, in the vicinity of Manassas Junction, and in a section of country now completely within our control, it can be put in good condition again in a very short space of time.

The Washington Republican, of Friday, says: "From present appearances, we judge there will, at present, be no fighting in front. LEE and his army will retreat upon Richmond, and go into Winter quarters there. It is the purpose of JEFF. DAVIS to lead our army on, to divide our forces if he can do so conveniently, and to harass portions of our army. One thing he means to do, and that is to put us to all the expense he can, and thus worry us out and make the Northern people thoroughly sick of the war; not to effect a compromise, as the Northern peace party suppose, but to secure the independence of the South."

A correspondent of the Baltimore American writes from Harper's Ferry, under date of Nov. 6, that "two ladies arrived to-day from Martinsburg, having walked the whole distance, nineteen miles, along the railroad track. They report that the rebel pickets left Martinsburg yesterday morning, but say they have still a strong force at Bunker Hill. They confirm the destruction of the railroad track from a point a few miles beyond Harper's Ferry to North Mountain, six miles West of Martinsburg. All the Company's property at Martinsburg was also completely destroyed."

From the Southwest we learn that Gen. GRANT has recently established his headquarters at La Grange, near the Mississippi line, on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. We also learn that a heavy body of his troops is pushing southward in the direction of Holly Springs, and that the rebels there are apparently making preparations to evacuate the place, with the intention of falling back on Grenada.

The Louisville Journal has information which leads it to believe that the rebels have evacuated not only Murfreesboro, but McMinnville, Tenn., and that they have torn up a large portion of the track of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad. Chattanooga will doubtless be their "last ditch" in Tennessee.

We have, through a Fort Monroe correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer, an important report from North Carolina, to the effect that the expedition under command of Gen. FOSTER, already spoken of, has been entirely successful in at least one of its objects. The gunboat Delaware is stated to have arrived at Fortress Monroe from Newbern, on the 5th inst., with intelligence that the expedition proceeded to Plymouth, where some 3,000 rebels, about one-half cavalry, were surrounded, and compelled to surrender unconditionally. A dispatch from Washington informs us that no such news has reached the Navy Department, but this does not render the report improbable, by any means. It is hardly possible, however, that an expedition organized on so extensive a scale should have so small an object as the capture of this small body of rebels, and we shall be quite likely to hear of further and more important operations soon. Plymouth, the scene of this alleged capture, is the Capital of Washington County, N. C. It is a small village, containing less than fifteen hundred inhabitants, located about eight miles south from Roanoke River, where it enters Albemarle Sound, and is connected with a small inlet called Nag's Head. It is about fifty miles in a straight line, north of Newbern, with which it has water communication via Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds and the Neuse River. It was, previous to the rebellion, a place of active trade.

The Newbern Progress, of the 1st inst., is received. It contains no allusion to any recent expedition. In relation to the statement that the rebels at Wilmington were sending negroes to fight against the Federal army, the Progress says: "We have learned from a reliable source, that such is not the case. The statement of the negro is so great that it is not to be trusted with arms."

We publish, elsewhere, an order from the Adjutant General in reference to the forthcoming draft. Several counties in the interior of the State are filled their quotas, it has been found, and to modify the designation of depots of

rendezvous. The following Commandants of the respective posts have been designated: Albany, Brig.-Gen. JOHN P. RATHBORN; New-York, Brig.-Gen. RICHARD BUSTED; Yonkers, Brig.-Gen. S. C. PARMENTER; Poughkeepsie, Brig.-Gen. S. C. BURNETT; Elmira, Col. S. M. ALLY; Buffalo, Brig.-Gen. H. L. LANSING.

A London correspondent of the Boston Commercial Bulletin writes: "It is well you are just completing a list of 'Monitors.' You are likely to need them before long. Workmen are engaged night and day on the Mersey, on the Clyde and elsewhere in building some 20 iron clads, which are to see service in American waters. They are intended to convey vessels into Southern ports. This I know to be a fact. My information is direct from those in confidence with the promoters. I can only see one way of preventing a good deal of mischief. Every port for which they are designed ought to be in the power of the American Government before these ugly monsters can cross the Atlantic. Then you might welcome them as effective aids in future operations. To disarm suspicion it is popularly given out that this iron fleet is being built for the Chinese Government; but I need hardly tell you that Mr. Mason and his friends form one of the chief contracting parties."

A dispatch dated Louisville, Nov. 5, states that Gen. SELL'S Division reached Nashville on the day preceding.

Major-Gen. ROUSSEAU'S division of Gen. ROSSIGNOL'S army is to be detached from Gen. McCook's army corps, and after being reinforced will act as an independent column. What direction it is to take, is not yet known.

The Military Commission, sitting at the Lower Sioux Agency, on the cases of those Indians engaged in the late massacres in Minnesota, has found over three hundred of them guilty, and condemned them to be hung. Their fate lies with the authorities at Washington.

GENERAL NEWS.

The steamship Scotia came up to the City on Saturday morning, bringing advices two days later than those by the Norwegian. She left Liverpool on the 25th, and Queenstown on the 26th ult. Mr. CAMERON, our Minister to Russia, came passenger on board the Scotia; also, Lord LYON, the British Minister to this country. The steamer Gladiator, from Nassau, had arrived at Liverpool, having on board 15,000 lbs of cotton, which she took on at the request of the Government. This report lacked confirmation and received but little credence, but it nevertheless had its effect. Mr. GLADSTONE had reiterated his sentiments on the American question, in a letter written to a Manchester merchant. He took occasion to say, however, "that to form opinions upon questions of policy, to announce them to the world, and to take, or to be a party to taking any of the steps necessary for giving them effect, are matters which, though connected together, are in themselves distinct, and which may be separated in the order of time, longer or shorter, according to the particular circumstances of the case." All of which signifies that the time for English recognition or intervention has not yet arrived. From Greece, we learn that King OTTO had abdicated the throne in favor of his son, Prince GEORGE, the prince being ill dissatisfied, the Bavarian line had been entirely deposed. The violent gains which had visited England, had also prevailed all over France for several days, inflicting considerable damage in some sections. The Liverpool cotton market was dull, the price of change in prices had taken place. Breadstuffs were steady and firm, and provisions were flat and heavy. Consols were quiet at 93½ and 93 for money.

The steamship Hammonia, from Southampton on the 22d ult., arrived at this port last night. Her services are four days behind those of the Scotia.

A decision was expected on Friday in the matter of the prize steamer Bermuda, which is still at Philadelphia. The Court was not, however, prepared to render one. Mr. G. M. WHARTON, on the part of the claimant, presented an additional affidavit in relation to the ownership of the vessel, to the reception of which District-Attorney CORREY objected on two grounds: First, that it was not respectful to the Government, in referring to it as a "Northern one"; and, secondly, that it contained declarations which the person making it knew to be false. The Judge said he should allow the paper to be filed, as he was desirous of having all the testimony that could be furnished in respect to the ownership of the steamer.

The Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum for Boys, situated in Bedford-avenue, near Willowbury-avenue, Brooklyn, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning, and two of the children perished in the flames. The institution contained 240 boys between the ages of 5 and 13 years. The entire loss is about \$35,000, partially covered by insurance.

The Detroit Tribune, New-London Chronicle, Hartford Times, Hartford Press and Hartford Courant have increased their rates on account of the great advance in paper and everything used in making a newspaper.

The Orange, N. J., War Committee has declared a dividend of 22 cents on the shares received by bounties to volunteers, there being that amount of surplus after paying each volunteer \$100 in cash and \$100 in scrip. Subscribers now receive a certificate for the balance, signed by the Town Clerk, payable in installments as soon as the Legislature shall authorize a tax to be levied for that purpose.

The vote of Livingston County, the home of Gen. WADSWORTH, is most gratifying. The majority is nearly double what his opponents commanded, and largely ahead of what was claimed. The Genesee Republican gives the following figures:

Avon.....	82	Lima.....	127
Caledonia.....	59	Nunda.....	125
Genesee.....	123	Oswego.....	25
Leicester.....	13	Springwater.....	25
Livonia.....	273	York.....	239

Portage will add 100 to these majorities. Mount Morris gives SKYMOOR 128; North Dansville, 79; Liverpool, 6; and West Sparta, 4. Genesee, it will be remembered, is the place of Gen. WADSWORTH'S residence.

ALIX. McDONALD, a rebel engineer on the southern end of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, stole a locomotive from Bowling Green, on Nov. 5, taking it from the hands of another engineer, proposing to put it in the depot, instead of which he ran it down on the Memphis Branch Road 18 miles, burned out the dikes, and otherwise injured the machinery to the amount of \$3,000. McDONALD was pursued by employees of the road on a hand-car, who recaptured the locomotive, but McDONALD escaped.

The missing steamer Trenton, which it was feared was lost, as she did not arrive at Washington from this City in due season, has at last turned up at the place of her destination. Her Captain tried a trip through the Chesapeake Canal, and met with unexpected delays.

During the last four months the Provost Marshal of Philadelphia has taken into custody 630 rebels, 64 of whom are sent 4,194 convalescent soldiers to their regiments.

It is reported that the President has tendered to SCRIVYER CULFAX the Secretaryship of the Interior, in the event of Secretary SMITH'S acceptance of the Judgeship of the United States Supreme Court.

In the Court of Sessions, on Saturday, before Judge MCCUN, JOHN CLARKIN and GEO. GROWER, previously convicted of an attempt at grand larceny, were sentenced to six months each in the Penitentiary.

The Stock Market was steady through the dealings of Saturday until near the close, when a decline of 1½ per cent. on the Share list was made. Gold 137½@132; Exchange 145½ per cent. The attention of Bankers and Merchants is called to the eighth page of this day's paper.

MR. SILL'S HERRING sets forth the new discovery in the material for the manufacture of his patent Saws.

Rebels were in a demand on Saturday prices of Flour and Wheat were firmer. Cotton was rather cheaper. Cotton was less freely purchased but was still held. Provisions, su-

gars, Molasses, Tea, Tobacco, Whisky, Hops, Fruit and Seeds were in moderate request. A lively inquiry prevailed for Chicory, Coffee, Fish, Hides, Lard, Tallow, Wool and the principal kinds of oils at bargain rates. Freight engagements were restricted, though rates were essentially unaltered. There were 620 vessels of all classes in port.

The Removal of Gen. McClellan.

Gen. McCLELLAN has been removed from the command of the Army of the Potomac and Gen. BURNSIDE appointed in his place. The immediate cause of this removal has been Gen. McCLELLAN'S refusal to advance against the enemy, even under the most peremptory orders of the General-in-Chief. It will be seen, by a letter from Gen. HALLOCK to the Secretary of War, which we publish in another column, that on the 1st of October Gen. McCLELLAN was urged by Gen. HALLOCK to cross the Potomac and give battle to the enemy,—being at the same time reminded of the disadvantages of delaying until the Potomac should be swollen, and the roads impaired, by the autumnal rains. Finding that this produced no effect, Gen. McCLELLAN was "peremptorily ordered" by Gen. HALLOCK, on the 6th of October, to "cross the Potomac and give battle to the enemy or drive him South."

For three weeks this order was not obeyed, and the only excuse given for not obeying it, so far as appears,—the want of supplies,—is shown by the letter of Gen. HALLOCK to have been utterly without foundation. The disclosures of that letter, concerning Gen. McCLELLAN'S constant and reiterated complaints of lack of supplies, are very remarkable and deserve special attention.

We presume that this particular instance of disobedience of orders, though the immediate occasion, is not the whole cause of Gen. McCLELLAN'S removal. It is pretty generally understood that this is only the culmination of a systematic disregard of orders, of a steady and obstinate tardiness in the conduct of the campaign against the rebels, and of a consequent inefficiency in command, which would long ago have secured his dismissal under any Administration less timid than that which has now possession of power. The fifteen months during which he has had virtual control of the war have been utterly barren of results to the cause he has professed to serve. Few commanders in history have had such splendid opportunities, and fewer still have so ostentatiously thrown them away. With an army capable of the most heroic achievements, powerful in numbers, unrivaled in discipline and equipment, eager always for active and onward movement, he has accomplished absolutely nothing but successful retreats from inferior forces, and the defence of the Capital at Washington, which he should have left no foe capable of menacing. The rebel armies have grown up in his presence, and by his toleration. Through all his long career he has made but one attack and won but a single victory; and that became absolutely fruitless through his failure to follow it up.

We have no theory on which to explain this most extraordinary failure of Gen. McCLELLAN as a commander, or the still more extraordinary persistence of the President in committing the fortunes of the war to his hands. Gen. McCLELLAN has shown too many of the qualities of an accomplished soldier to attribute his failure to simple incapacity. That he is absolutely disloyal to the Government we have never permitted ourselves to believe. Yet we think it quite probable that his heart has never been in the war,—that through it all he has had hopes of a compromise which should end it, and that he has feared the effect upon such a compromise of a stern and relentless prosecution of hostilities. His position and possibly his feelings have been those ascribed by MACADLAY to ESSER, who commanded the armies of the Parliament at the outbreak of the great civil war. He was an accomplished soldier and a Parliamentarian; but he shrank from civil war,—he hoped through it all for an accommodation with the King, and "next to a great defeat he dreaded a great victory." Under such a leader the war could never prosper, and it was soon found necessary to replace him by HAMPDEN, who carried into the field the boldness and courage he had shown in politics, and who had the sagacity to see from the outset that "in war of all kinds, moderation is imbecility." As a politician, Gen. McCLELLAN'S sympathies, previous to the rebellion, had always been with the South. He has believed them wronged by Northern sentiment and by Northern action. And beyond all question, he has hoped and believed that a time would come when the war could be arrested, and when the Southern leaders, backed by a powerful party in the Northern States, would listen to terms of accommodation,—and that nothing would stand in the way of such a compromise more than a victory which should wound their pride by humiliating their arms and crushing their power.

In this view of the case, Gen. McCLELLAN has been encouraged by the political partisans who, at an early stage in the war, made him their prospective candidate for the Presidency, and came thus to have an interest in putting him in opposition to the Administration which he professed to serve. They defended his errors, and made themselves the special champions of his worst mistakes. They had unquestionable provocation and some excuse for much of this in the intemperate zeal with which he was assailed; but they betrayed him into an undue reliance on the support of a party, and a ruinous subservience to their wishes and views. We know not how else to account for the steady and systematic disregard he has shown of the wishes and orders of the Government, and for his adherence to a deliberate and methodical inactivity, which has brought the cause of the Union to the very verge of ruin.

Unless we have been misinformed, President LINCOLN has on two occasions written to Gen. McCLELLAN, reviewing in detail his military operations, and demonstrating his failures to the Government. One of these papers was prepared just after McCLELLAN had landed on

the Peninsula, the other after the battle of Antietam, and we have heard both spoken of as masterpieces of military criticism. It is a melancholy satisfaction to learn that the President of the United States, who is the Commander-in-Chief of all its armies, and who is responsible, before God and the country, for the behavior of all its Generals, did not keep Gen. McCLELLAN in command of the Army of the Potomac from any confidence in his capacity or his fitness for the place. Why he did retain him so long after he had satisfied himself that he ought to be removed, it might be curious, though it would be useless to speculate. We trust that the first act of Congress, when it meets next month, will be to call for all the correspondence, and all the documents of every kind, which can throw light upon the extraordinary campaigns of this unfortunate commander.

Gen. BURNSIDE has been three times offered the command of the Army of the Potomac. He declined it twice, partly from a strong feeling of personal affection for Gen. McCLELLAN, and partly from thorough confidence in his military capacity, and his devotion to the Union cause. This confidence, we suspect, was somewhat shaken during and after the battle of Antietam; while the treatment he has since received for having remonstrated against the General's causeless suspension of the fight, has probably released him from the personal obligations on which he was previously inclined to lay such controlling stress. We presume, therefore, that he will now accept the command. He has shown thus far during the war great military ability, and a thorough, unqualified, unquestioning devotion to the cause he serves. What he will be able to accomplish remains to be seen. It is now certain that, in consequence of the extraordinary delay in the movements of our army, the rebels have completely eluded them, and are now beyond their reach. The autumnal rains have commenced; the rivers and small streams of Virginia are no longer fordable; the roads are becoming muddy and impracticable; and all rapid and effective movement is nearly impossible. If it was any part of Gen. McCLELLAN'S purpose to prevent a decisive battle with the rebel army, he was probably left in command just long enough to accomplish his object.

The Exact Attitude of England.

The recent news from England indicates that there is to be no immediate change of the policy of that Government toward the United States. Mr. GLADSTONE explains his late speech, in which he gave his personal recognition of the Jeff. Davis Confederacy, by leaving it wholly unexplained. The substance of the two letters he has written on the subject is, simply, that the speech expressed an opinion that he had long entertained. How far the personal conviction of a Minister goes toward the initiation of Government policy is left to the public as a very wide field for speculation.

Independently, however, of Mr. GLADSTONE'S speech all other Ministerial and popular indications point to the continuance of the policy of "non-intervention"—as England understands non-intervention. That is, giving all the aid and comfort possible to the rebellion within the limits of safety against war with the United States. The language of the British Government and people to the Confederates is: "You have fully established your independence—the restoration of the Union is impossible—but it would do neither you nor us any good to make a formal acknowledgment of a fact that is patent to the world. On the contrary, it might for the moment complicate your cause and protract hostilities." This is the unmistakable meaning of everything uttered by English leaders in opposition to action favorable to the South. It is manifest apology to the rebels for not recognizing their independence, which it is conceded they have won.

We may not have the right to quarrel with England for its open and avowed sympathy with the Confederates. Happily, likes and dislikes, sympathies and antipathies, in this world, are subject to no written laws; a nation cannot be held amenable for its loves and its hates. We have a right, however, to look for plain dealing and perfect sincerity from a Government which is as proud and strong as that of Great Britain. But this we have not had.

While all the diplomatic intercourse between that country and this is marked by the most punctilious propriety; and while we are assured, in every form of speech usual between friendly Powers, that England will in no wise interfere with our unhappy domestic strife, the evidence is accumulating that the most dangerous attacks we have to meet in the future of the rebellion will come from England. English powder and ball, English rifles and cannon, have armed the rebels in every field that has been fought in the war. But these were not sufficient to turn the tide of success in favor of the rebellion. Now, however, according to no rumors only, but to positive declaration, an entire fleet of war vessels is building in British waters, and under the British flag, to assail the ports of the United States, and destroy the advantages our arms have fairly gained over the public enemies.

The latest advices from England leave apparently no room at all for doubt on this subject. The English journals all publish and put great stress upon the project of the Richmond Confederacy to impress 1,000,000 bales of cotton, and hold the same as an inducement and a reward to any nation, or to the daring adventurers of any nation, that will come after it. The value of 1,000,000 bales of cotton at the present prices in Europe would be Two Hundred Million Dollars. The London Times says that such prospect of reward will certainly invite capital into the field, and embolden it to run all the hazards of the attempt to run the blockade of Southern ports.

It required no prophet to tell us that. The admission is the strongest encouragement to the deed. The impudency of our signa-

has already outrun our anticipations and our suspicions even; and at least three iron-clad rams are building in England for the purpose, not attempted to be concealed, of being used in the Confederate service to open the cotton ports of the South. These rams will be the all-sufficient convoys of cotton ships, to lead them in and out with their rich cargoes through the blockade. We have no defenses against iron-clad assailants, and we shall not have in time to be of avail, notwithstanding the flattering assurances to the contrary so frequently put forth by our Navy Department. We may deem it proper on another day to show this.

These are matters too grave and too full of danger to the Union cause to be allowed to remain without the notice of our Government. It is true, undoubtedly, that the animosity of English opinion is not now, and has not been for a long time, a matter of any concern to the American people. They are able to outlive that—indeed, they feel quite strong enough to despise it. But the open encouragement by the British Press, by British capitalists, by British associations and organizations, of a scheme to invade American waters with hostile intent, and the notorious preparation of formidable agencies for the work, goes beyond the dominion of opinion, and enters that of war.

THE MOVEMENTS IN VIRGINIA.—It will be seen that both of the advancing columns of our army are pushing down into Eastern Virginia with some celerity. Gen. PLEASANTON, from what lately was BURNSIDE'S column, has reached Little Washington, in Culpepper County, some twenty-five miles south of the Manassas Gap Railroad; and Gen. BAYARD, from SIGM'S column, has reached the Rappahannock River, and holds the railroad bridge of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. What may be the succeeding movements of the bodies it is difficult to tell—whether one or both will advance onward to Gordonsville, or whether one or both will move down the Rappahannock to Fredericksburg, and try our luck by that route to Richmond. If we knew positively where the rebel army is, we might speculate on these points. But the newspapers and the correspondents seem to know pretty nearly as little of the enemy's whereabouts as our Generals do. It is confidently asserted to-day that they have retreated to their fortified base at Richmond, that they still threaten to enter Maryland, that they are at Waterloo, and that they are at Gordonsville, where they have been joined by BRAGG'S army from Tennessee. It is likely that there is more or less truth to each and all of these stories, excepting that one which implies that they propose again to attempt to enter Maryland or Pennsylvania. There seems little doubt that LEE has left Winchester, as no army would dare to permit itself to be outflanked as that position now is by our forces.

It is impossible to give any intelligent opinion as yet as to the likelihood of BRAGG'S army having moved from East Tennessee into Virginia. It is certain that they would have a very easy and expeditious route thither over the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad. But such a movement would indicate a complete abandonment of the Southwest, and of the campaign there. It would concede to us one-half of the Confederacy, and that, too, at a time when our Southwestern army, under a live leader, is just ready to enter and take possession. If BRAGG has come East, it is undoubtedly for the purpose of concentrating the entire rebel force for the defence of Richmond, and thus staking the existence of the Confederacy wholly on the Virginia campaign. Nothing, we believe, could be more to our advantage, if we had a General who had the genius to take advantage of circumstances.

A BRILLIANT CAVALRY OFFICER.—Almost every day for the last two months, we have recorded some splendid exploit on the part of that valiant and invincible cavalry officer, Gen. ALMER PLEASANTON. He first appeared prominently after the battle of Antietam, when he harassed terribly the enemy's rear, pursued them hotly to the Potomac, and played havoc among their faltering regiments. Subsequently he was sent in chase of STUART, being permitted to start just about the time the rebel officer was sweeping along our left line; and though it was preposterous to suppose that he could actually overtake STUART, yet he and his men made one of the most remarkable galloping races that we have had in the course of the war. Since our army began to move along the east side of the Blue Ridge Mountains, PLEASANTON seems to have been in perpetual pursuit of the foe and perpetual fight; and in every case has been victorious. He has met STUART and his men, heretofore the terror of our army, on half a dozen occasions, and in every instance STUART'S horse has shown PLEASANTON'S tail. On Saturday we gave a vivid pen-picture, from our correspondent, of the three days' exciting chase after STUART'S cavalry, which ended on Monday evening last, and in which, after a brisk fight of two or three hours, STUART'S force was defeated with heavy loss. On Saturday last, PLEASANTON had another tilt with his rebel foe, of which we have a telegraphic mention this morning. It was at Little Washington, some forty miles south of the place where the previous fight was fought, and our redoubtable cavalryman had his usual luck—capturing three pieces of STUART'S artillery and a number of his men.

Gen. PLEASANTON is a native of the District of Columbia, is forty years old, is a West Pointer, did gallant work in Mexico with the Second Dragoons, with which regiment he continued in service until about three months ago, when he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General of Volunteers, and given the command of STONEMAN'S Cavalry Brigade. As soon as he got his command well in hand, the country began to resound with his exploits.

There is no doubt that we have better cavalry officers in the Union service than the rebels have in theirs. Our horsemen have not been permitted to show their pluck

and dash in this war, but have, for some reason or other, been perpetually held in leash. We trust that soon, under the new military régime, this splendid arm of the service will be permitted to show itself to the world, and make itself felt among the rebels. We have heard a great deal about STUART and a good deal about WALKER HAMPTON, but give to our cavalrymen such officers as PLEASANTON, GRAY and BAYARD, and we will never dread the issue when they meet any foe.

TRIAL ON MILITARY CHARGES.—We are glad to see that Gen. FITZ-JOHN PORTER is about to be tried on sundry charges that have been preferred against him by officers of the army. These charges, we understand, come from four different sources, and are very serious. They are such as no man can have hanging over his head without absolute disgrace, and Gen. PORTER must therefore be personally anxious for their speedy examination.

But beyond the personal wishes of any officer, the necessities of the public service require a prompt inquiry into charges of so serious a nature as those which have been preferred against Gen. PORTER.

Setting aside all others, that brought against him by Gen. PORTER, of having intentionally refused to obey his order, that he should engage the enemy, and of having contributed directly to the defeat of our army, is the most serious charge that can be brought against any officer. If Gen. PORTER was actually guilty of it, the army is disgraced and the safety of the nation endangered every hour that he is kept in high command. If it is unfounded, common justice demands that he should be relieved from it as speedily as possible.

Hitherto there has been nothing like rigorous discipline in the army. The most serious misconduct on the part of officers has been allowed to pass unpunished and almost unnoticed. There has not yet been a single example of punishment for even the most aggravated military offences. Spies swarm in our camps—all that have been convicted have been pardoned by the President. We have had spies in the enemy's Capital, and we have sent thither rebel women, who had become familiar with their faces, and who have forthwith denounced them to the authorities and had them hung. This is a novel mode of making war. It may possibly prosper, but we see nothing as yet to give us confidence in that result. We hope it may be reformed.

GOV. SEYMOUR ON THE ELECTION.—GOV. SEYMOUR made a speech at Utica on Thursday night, to a large crowd that came to congratulate him on the result of the election. We find no report of his speech, and only a meagre reference to it in the Utica papers. We do not see that he threw much light on the specific manner in which his election restores the Union, though he was profuse in declarations that it would have that effect. "The success of the Democracy," he said, "would bring back the country to the position of years ago, when the Constitution was the supreme law, and the laws were impartially administered. Henceforth the laws were to be obeyed, and constitutional authority respected." We can understand how all this may happen in the North,—but not how Mr. SEYMOUR'S election is to restore that happy time to the Southern States. He says that "from this time henceforth it would seem there is a great Union party all through the South, who desire to cooperate with a party they know to be ready to welcome them back into the Union." This may be so—but as yet we don't see it.

Mr. SEYMOUR talks as if there had been a rebellion in the North, which the Democracy had succeeded in putting down. He says not one word about the Southern rebellion, nothing about aiding the Government to crush it out and thus restore the Union. He denies that the Democrats are disloyal, and says that they intend to sustain the Government "in all its Constitutional acts." He did not specify, however, what these are, so that we are left to a wide field of conjecture as to the exceptions which Gov. SEYMOUR would feel inclined to make.

COMMERCIAL BLOCKADES THEORETICALLY VIEWED.—MR. CORBEN'S speech before the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, which we give in full this morning, on the subject of a reform of maritime law, and an alteration in respect to belligerent rights, with special reference to the question of commercial blockades, will be read with general interest. It is an ingenious and, from a theoretical point of view, in the main, just exposition of the evil and impropriety of commercial blockades. Mr. CORBEN states broadly, and confirms logically, the old and oft-asserted American doctrine on the subject. He is led to his conclusion, however, which is antagonistic to the European doctrine, and to the current English view, simply by the evils that are being suffered in Lancashire from our blockade of the rebel ports, and the consequent stoppage of the cotton supply. "So grave and alarming has this evil become," says Mr. CORBEN, "that it presents itself to those who look forward for six months (if the war goes on) in such a hideous aspect, that it is apt to beget violent thoughts in our minds as to some violent remedy." He acknowledges, however, that recognition of the South would do nothing to obtain cotton, and nothing less than successful war would avail, and Mr. CORBEN of course opposes all belligerent action. It is a question that he is arguing at present merely in its theoretical aspect, and the present state of affairs furnishes a forcible illustration of his theory. One of the points Mr. CORBEN makes is that England would not have recognized the principle of closing the Southern ports by proclamation, which principle was at one time so strongly favored in Congress and by a portion of the Press—but that she would recognize nothing less than a legitimate effective blockade.

Theoretically, most of Mr. CORBEN'S positions are sound enough; but so far as our blockade is concerned, it is in complete accord with the principles of maritime law and

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TO BANKS AND BANKERS.

THE NEW DISCOVERY!

PATENT CRYSTALLIZED IRON, OR FRANKLINITE.

WHAT IT IS, AND WHERE IT COMES FROM.

CRYSTALLIZED IRON, or "Franklinite," is the production of the mine of the New-Jersey Zinc Company. There is but one mine of this ore in the world. The zinc being first extracted from the ore, the residue is the brilliant and singular metal which we have named "Crystallized Iron." For many years, no use was made of this metal, and it was simply kept in small specimens in gentlemen's cabinets as a curiosity. However, a use has at last been found for it, and since it has proved so superior in this instance, many other avenues for its use are now opening, and it bids fair to prove not only one of the most remarkable, but one of the best metals the world has ever known. As a preventive against drilling, when combined with wrought iron and steel, it is the best and most perfect protection against a burglar now known. Chilled iron, by late improvements in hardening drills, can be easily bored. Hardened steel is not only so brittle as to be almost useless, but its temper can be drawn by a blow-pipe, and then it is at the mercy of the burglar's tools. With "the crystallized" the case is different; it can be furnished any thickness, is not so brittle as any other hard metal, cannot be affected by a blow-pipe, and is the hardest material to bore through ever yet produced.

HISTORY OF THE FRANKLINITE.

Report of A. C. Farrington, Geologist and Mining Engineer.

The mines are located in Sussex County, N. J., and yield an ore unique in its lithological characteristics, and is the only known locality where Franklinite and red oxide of zinc has been found, but by whom and at what era these mines were discovered, is not extensively established. They were known, and extensive mining operations were carried on, before any permanent settlements were made by the whites, in their immediate neighborhood, as several shafts and galleries still remaining on Sterling Hill clearly prove. These old works, from the fact that Lord STIRLING was once the owner of the lands upon which they are situated, have been attributed to him. The time Lord STIRLING became the owner has not been ascertained, but an original survey of the tract made in 1749 describes "the old mine holes." A section has been taken from the remains of a red cedar, that has grown in one of the pits since the working was abandoned, and it proves that period to have been more than one hundred and twenty years ago. In 1755, an old mining pick was found in one of the galleries by a hunter, who subsequently settled in the vicinity, and has a son, now a very aged man, living in the county.

Lord STIRLING caused a large quantity of the Franklinite ore to be mined, and taken to the Charlottenburgh furnace, of which he was a proprietor; but the attempt to smelt it as an ore of iron proved unsuccessful, and most of the ore, removed at a great expense over mountain roads, ninety-five years ago, may now be seen at Charlottenburgh.

The late Dr. BRUCE, of New-York, was the first who called public attention to these mines, by publishing a scientific account of them, embracing an analysis, and also furnishing a list of the associated minerals. He was followed in 1810 by Prof. KEATING and VANNEXEN, who furnished the Philosophical Society, of Philadelphia, with an interesting paper, describing the Jeffersonite, associated with the Zinc and Franklinite.

The late Dr. SAMUEL FOWLER, about 45 years since, became the owner of these mines, and, to scientific attainments uniting practical business talents of the highest order, appears to have really been the first one to appreciate their value, and made several efforts to have them worked. He made liberal offers to induce others to join him in the enterprise, but the untimely nature of the ore, and the difficulties in obtaining competent operators caused a failure of his plans—without lessening in his mind the value of the ore, and the ultimate success that would be likely to attend future attempts to work it. While he was a member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, a law was passed, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a standard set of weights and measures to be prepared for the use of the Government in the different Custom-houses. F. R. HARTLEY, LL.D., then Superintendent of the Coast Survey, was intrusted by the Secretary with the execution of this important duty, and Mr. FOWLER was successful in having New-Jersey Red Oxide of Zinc reduced to alloy with copper to form the basis for these standards.

Not succeeding in enlisting capitalists to work on a large scale, he strove to encourage individual enterprise, to develop the commercial value of these extensive repositories of minerals, by frequent and liberal contributions from his own resources; but want of scientific knowledge of the character of the mineral, or a too rigid adherence to the plans used in working the sulphurates and carbonates of zinc, as practiced in Europe, prevented the achievement of success. It is also to be presumed, as is often the case, the Doctor was imposed upon by charlatans and pretenders, who laid claim to possessing the true Philosophical Stone, whose magic touch was to transform the hills of Sterling and Franklin into metallic zinc and iron.

Dr. FOWLER, a few years before his decease, conveyed a portion of these mines to the Franklin Company, an incorporation which was obtained by him for the purpose of working them; but the attempt proved unsuccessful. The company failed, the property passing into the hands of Messrs. AMES & ALGER, of Boston. A quantity of the Franklinite ore was taken by them to Mr. ALGER's foundry at South Boston, where Mr. ALGER, assisted by Mr. OSBORN, the present metallurgist of the Bergen Point Copper Smelting Establishment, distilled metallic zinc from the red ore, after separating it by a magnet from its Franklinite. He also reduced Franklinite in a crucible, making iron and steel of a superior quality.

WHAT IT IS!

From Appleton's New American Cyclopaedia. "FRANKLINITE, a mineral composed of peroxide of iron, oxide of zinc, and oxide of manganese. Its appearance much like the magnetic oxide of iron. It is found in considerable quantity only in Sussex County, N. J., although it is also mentioned as accompanying ores of zinc in amor-

phous masses at the mines of Altenberg, (Vieille Montagne), near Aix la Chapelle. The composition of the Franklinite of New-Jersey is: Peroxide of iron.....66.115 Oxide of zinc.....21.771 Oxide of Manganese.....11.987 Silica......1.37 Total.....100.000 Its hardness is 5.5-6.5; specific gravity, 5-5.09. It occurs in large veins or beds at the mines of the New-Jersey Zinc Company at Sterling Hill and Mine Hill, in Sussex County, accompanied by the red oxide of zinc, lying between the crystalline limestone and the gneiss rocks. At Sterling Hill it constitutes the main substance of two beds of considerable magnitude. The upper of these beds, lying immediately under the crystalline limestone, is composed chiefly of the red oxide of zinc, with the Franklinite interspersed in granular masses, often assuming the appearance of imperfect crystals. It presents a thickness varying from three to eight feet, and is traced with great uniformity of structure. At times almost perfect crystals of Franklinite are found, particularly where the bed comes in contact with the superincumbent limestone. These crystals are of the regular octahedral form, with the edges replaced. The Franklinite constitutes about 45 per cent. of the mineral contents, the rest being mainly red oxide of zinc, the residuum, after the oxide of zinc is driven off, being Franklinite, is smelted into iron. The underlying bed appears on the surface or outcrop to be almost a pure massive Franklinite, amorphous in structure, although occasionally also exhibiting very large and nearly perfect crystals of the mineral. It contains no red oxide of zinc, which fact is the distinctive feature between this and the overlying bed, which is generally known as the bed of red zinc. As the underlying bed of Franklinite descends, it becomes less pure, the Franklinite being replaced by the crystalline limestone, with the Franklinite and willenite (anhydrous silicate of zinc) thickly interspersed in grains and imperfect crystals. It preserves this character in its entire depth, as far as explored, nearly 200 feet below its outcrop. This bed is about twelve feet in thickness, but is not worked. Several hundred feet westwardly of these main beds, and higher up on the hill, another bed of Franklinite, mixed with a little red oxide and a good deal of the silicate of zinc, is found running the entire length of Sterling Hill.

Attempts had been made many years since by some of the iron works in the neighborhood to smelt the Franklinite ore, which appeared in such large masses, and so easy to be mined; but none of these early operations proved successful, owing, no doubt, to the great quantity of zinc in the ore, which in its process of volatilization absorbs a large amount of heat, and thereby tends to chill the furnace. Early in 1853, Mr. E. Post, of Stanhope, N. J., undertook to work the ore with anthracite in blast furnaces, at Stanhope, and succeeded in making some pig iron of excellent quality; but these operations were soon discontinued. In the same year, Mr. C. E. DEXFORD successfully and permanently established the manufacture of iron from the zinc and Franklinite ores at the works of the New-Jersey Zinc Company, by smelting the residuum, after the zinc had been driven off, for the purpose of making the white oxide. This branch of industry is calculated to become of much importance, as the iron produced from this residuum not only yields a bar iron of remarkable purity, fibre and strength, but is especially suited to the manufacture of steel. The pig iron produced is almost identical in character, appearance and structure, with the best lamellar iron made of the famous spathic ores of Siegen and Muesen, in Germany. Its fracture shows large and brilliant silver-white lamellar crystals, sometimes beautifully crystallized, and so hard as to cut glass; these crystals are not attacked by the magnet.

STRENGTH OF THE FRANKLINITE.

From the New-York Times.

There is KAUFF, the Prussian, who forges 10-inch steel columbiads, solid, and whose guns are used all over Europe. And there is HOWELL, the Englishman, whose cast-steel forgings are as homogeneous as copper and resist a tensile strain of 100,000 pounds, while that of the best iron is 70,000. Plates of this steel are found to offer about twice the resistance of iron plates to shot. But we need not go abroad. An equally good metal is similarly made in Pittsburgh, and if the Franklinite ore is found in Sussex County, New-Jersey, prove to be what it is represented, the best iron ore of the world, the material for the production of the most perfect steel in the world will be in our possession. * * *

From Scientific American.

From the recent trials made by the Admiralty of Great Britain of the best English boiler plate iron from different makers in Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Shropshire, the tensile strength upon a square inch was found to be 19.6 tons or 44,000 pounds. The English Low Moor bar, as tested at ALGER's forge in Boston, gave an ultimate strength of 52,550 pounds. The New-Jersey Franklinite bars, tested late tenacity of the Franklinite. It began to stretch at 15,000 kilograms, and the charge under which it broke was 25,000 absolute tenacity per millimetre, 40 kilograms 8 m.

HOW WE USE IT.

The patent, or, rather two patents, which we hold, granted to JAMES R. FLOYD, Oct. 16, 1860, and reissued May 27, 1862, gives us the sole and exclusive ownership of the Franklinite ore, or "Crystallized Iron," applied in any way to an iron safe; and while we can furnish it in any pattern or shape desired, either cast whole, or run between plates in a melted state; our experience has dictated and approved of the following, as the best and most perfect plan:

The Franklinite or Crystallized Iron forms the centre or middle portion of our Burglar-Proof Safe. The outside being composed of heavy wrought iron, and the inside of bars of steel; in this position the Crystallized Iron is placed—pure and unaltered—being completely protected from violence or fracture, and impervious to the burglar drill; no blow-pipe can withdraw its "temper," and, indeed, though it were heated to a melting state when cooled it is as hard as ever. Here we have the great feature of superiority presented by the Patent Crystallized Iron. In its natural state it is as hard as a diamond; and, unlike other metals which are artificially or mechanically made hard, not only the outer surface or crust is drill-resistant, but the texture of the metal is of the same consistency all the way through.

BURGLAR-PROOF BANK SAFES.

The term "Burglar-Proof" is so often applied to work that is unworthy of the name, that it is advisable, in these times of ingenious robberies, for Bankers themselves to use a little of their own good sense, and inquire particularly into the mode and manner in which their safes are made "secure against thieves." It is all too frequently the case that Bankers and others allow themselves to be imposed upon by representations of interested manufacturers, that their particular make cannot be drilled, broken or torced. This has an

effect where such personal assurances are implicitly relied upon, but we tell the banking community, that burglar-proof safes depend entirely upon the price they pay, and it is for themselves only to dictate how much or how little security they desire to have.

We contend that nothing can be made which the same tools and the same opportunities that built it cannot unmake, and any burglar-proof safe, manufactured cheaply or quickly, can be entered in the same ratio of time.

It depends upon the banker then to say how much protection he requires, and, where much is at stake, the price of affording that protection should be the last or least consideration. It has been well said that "thieving and rascality have their grades, and the bank robber is possessed of much more intellect, ingenuity, and mechanical ability than any other of his class," and where money in large amounts is treasured up, it is there he is sure to pay his particular attention, and a safe to put at fault all the ingenuity now used, together with the modern accessories of gun cotton and powder, must be a good safe indeed.

We believe we have made some such safes. We know we can make them, but there are thus far but few in use, as many are unwilling to pay the cost, and are trusting to "cheaper" securities (?)

"Chilled Iron" Safes have had their day, it being now well understood that where chilled iron (in other words, cast iron,) forms the outer part of the safe, it can easily be broken with a heavy hammer or sledge, and the larger the outside surface the more easily smothered, the greater will be the vibration.

All hardened metal is found to be brittle in proportion to its hardness; we consequently insist that the material which is to resist a drill must be placed inside, or form the centre lining of the Burglar-Proof Safe, being protected outside by wrought iron, of sufficient thickness to withstand all applications of a heavy sledge, jack-screws, strong chisels, or sharp-pointed crow-bars. Our ordinary Burglar-Proof Safe is made as follows:

- 1st plate of 1 in. or 1 1/2 in. wrought iron.
- 2d plate of 1 in. patent crystallized iron.
- 3d plate of 1 in. steel bars.
- 4th plate of 1 in. steel bars, at right angles with No. 3.

Making a solid cross-bar grating of steel bars, which are separated about 1/2 of an inch, placed so closely that no file or saw can be used, placed so close together, and at the same time the slight separation renders the operation of a revolving cutter (an effective tool for cutting solid plates) impossible, as the points of the cutters would be broken against the edges of the bars.

In burglar-proof safes we do not confine ourselves to thickness of metal, leaving that entirely to the wishes of our customer, to be governed by the amount to be secured, the risk run, or the price desired to pay, according to his judgment.

In constructing the safe, the different plates or bodies of metal are so arranged that no rivet, bolt or screw goes entirely through from outside to inside. Consequently, in any attempt to drill or force out the bolts from the outside, they are only more strongly riveted, by being driven firmly against the solid body next within.

The doors are secured by heavy round bolts, of polished metal, running entirely across the safe, and fastening on all sides (front, back, top and bottom) simultaneously; these bolts being in turn fastened by the lock, and not one can be moved until the lock is opened.

Thus it will be seen that "Herring's Champion Burglar-Proof Safe" combines all the best materials for resisting the most perfect mechanical tools now known. First, the wrought iron outside gives us strength and malleability, and is complete protection against the sledge, the jack-screw, or heavy chisel. Second, the Patent Crystallized Iron will resist any drill. Third, the cross bar grating of steel bars is perfectly effective against any revolving tool which would cut a smooth or even surface.

SECURITY OF THE CROSS BARS.

From the Wheeling (Va.) Intelligencer, Sept. 7.

A most daring attempt was made during Wednesday night and yesterday morning to rob the Government vault at the Custom-house, which contained at the time one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The vault is built of bricks, cement and iron. The walls of the Custom-house form two sides of the vault which stands in a corner of the room occupied by the Collector of Customs. The vault is strongly constructed. The walls are about fourteen inches thick and between every layer of bricks there is also a layer of cement and riveted iron firmly imbedded in the mass. The vault contained all the money belonging to the Pay Department, as well as a large sum to be disbursed by Major HILL, who is acting as military officer here. The burglars, though amply provided with tools, could not open the heavy iron door of the vault, so they set to work with crow-bar and chisel to dig a hole through the only exposed side. They succeeded in digging out the bricks and making a large aperture in the wall, but the iron still remained and could not be removed. The portion of the money not contained in small iron safes, but in packages and bags, was located at a point some four or five feet from the aperture in the vault. Not being able to get into the vault, the burglars improvised a hook, with which they attempted to drag the bags up to the aperture, but again the iron bars interfered. They could see and feel the money, but could not get at it. The work accomplished by the rascals must have occupied several hours, and it is thought that the early dawn must have caught them in the state of progress we have described, and thus they were compelled to abandon their work without taking away a single red cent.

MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.

The public must remember that while we are constantly improving the strength, security and mechanism of our work, we have a no less active worker in the burglar himself, and with the modern but effective agents of gun cotton and powder, jack-screws, gimlets, &c., the Burglar-Proof Safe of a few years ago is of but little protection now.

An experience of more than twenty years in the business of making Iron Safes has given us great advantages over all competition, and we believe that prices only govern the certainty of procuring perfect protection against all attempts of the most skillful bank robbers.

We furnished, some time since, to the order of the Treasurer of Pickaway County, at Circleville, Ohio, a Burglar-Proof Safe, made three inches thick, of solid metal. This safe is composed of nine different bodies or thicknesses, as follows:

- 1st plate or outer body of safe, 1/2-inch wrought iron.
- 2d plate or outer body of safe, 1/2-inch hard iron.
- 3d plate, or outer body of safe, 1/2-inch wrought iron.
- 4th plate, or outer body of safe, 1/2-inch steel bars.
- 5th plate, or outer body of safe, 1/2-inch steel bars, at right angles with No. 4.

6th plate, or outer body of safe, 1/2-inch wrought iron.

7th plate, or outer body of safe, 1/2-inch steel bars.

8th plate, or outer body of safe, 1/2-inch steel bars, at right angles with No. 7.

9th plate, or outer body of safe, 1/2-inch wrought iron.

This Safe, for a long time, was considered the strongest and most perfect "Burglar-Proof" extant. It so remained until one was manufactured by us even more impregnable. The one we now refer to was made for and is now used by the MANHATTAN BANK, NO. 40 Wall-street, N. Y., and is undoubtedly the best and

STRONGEST SAFE IN THE WORLD!

This Safe was made especially to order, and is constructed as follows:

- 1st plate 2-inches Wrought Iron.
- 2d plate 2-inches PATENT CRYSTALLIZED IRON.
- 3d plate 1/2-inch Steel Bars.
- 4th plate 1/2-inch Steel Bars, at right angles with No. 3.
- 5th plate 1/2-inch Wrought Iron.

Making entire thickness of body no less than FOUR INCHES of solid drill-resistant metal. The front will measure 5 inches from outside to inside. The weight of the Safe is about 25 tons.

We would also refer to the new Vault built by us for the IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' BANK, of this City, which is both Fire and Burglar-Proof, and made upon above plan. The Vault is Fire-Proof outside and Burglar-Proof within. The entire weight is over FORTY-FIVE TONS.

HERRING & CO.'S PATENT CRYSTALLIZED IRON.

WHAT THEY SAY WHO HAVE TRIED IT.

OFFICE OF THE NOVELTY IRON WORKS.

New-York, 15th April, 1862.

Messrs. HERRING & CO.:

GENTS: We yesterday undertook to drill the piece of iron left with us, (HERRING & FLOYD'S Patent Crystallized Iron,) and find we cannot do it. The iron resisted all the drills put upon it.

Yours, &c.,

J. W. STRATTON, Treasurer.

MORGAN IRON WORKS.

New-York, April 19, 1862.

Messrs. HERRING & CO., No. 251 Broadway.

GENTS: I have given you "Herring & Floyd's Patent Crystallized Iron" a thorough test, and find it a perfect protection against drilling. I put it in the hands of one of our best mechanics, and find it will resist any drill we can make. After a long trial, and using up all the drills tried, we are obliged to acknowledge our inability to penetrate it. I consider it impossible for a burglar to put a hole through it by any drills he can use, when placed as you use it in your Burglar-proof Safes.

Yours, respectfully,

MICHAEL CORRELL, Superintendent.

DELAWARE IRON WORKS.

New-York, April 21, 1862.

Messrs. HERRING & CO.:

GENTS: I have attempted to drill the piece of iron sent us, (HERRING & FLOYD'S Patent Crystallized Iron,) and find we cannot do it. (HERRING & FLOYD'S Patent Crystallized Iron.)

Yours, truly,

C. H. DELAMATER, per EMERSON.

SOUTHWARK FOUNDRY, MERRICK & SONS.

Philadelphia, Aug. 29, 1862.

Messrs. FARREL, HERRING & CO., No. 629 Chestnut-street.

GENTS: We have tested the Herring & Floyd Patent Crystallized Iron which you handed us, and find it is harder than our steel. We gave it a fair trial, and could not drill it. We think, for your use inside of a burglar-proof safe, it is perfect security against a cutting tool.

Yours, very truly,

MERRICK & SONS.

PASCO IRON WORKS.

Philadelphia, Aug. 4, 1862.

Messrs. FARREL, HERRING & CO.:

GENTS: We have endeavored to drill a hole in the sample of iron sent us, (HERRING & FLOYD'S Patent Crystallized,) but were only able to penetrate somewhat less than a quarter of an inch, in fifty minutes, by the use of drills as hard as steel can be made, and working under a pressure of over 1,000 pounds. We consider the iron impervious under any circumstances that would be within the control of a burglar.

Yours, truly,

MORRIS, TANKER & CO.

EAGLE IRON WORKS.

Chicago, Ill., July 26, 1862.

Messrs. HERRING & CO., No. 40 State-street.

GENTS: We would inform you that we have tested the specimen of Crystallized Iron, which you left with us for the purpose of trying to drill, and would say that, after hardening our drills to the utmost capacity for the purpose, we could not drill it. It is our opinion that it is impervious to drills or any other boring instruments; in short, it is the hardest metal to drill or bore we ever saw. Respectfully yours, P. W. GATES.

OFFICE OF DAVISON, DICKINSON & CO., Civil Engineer and Mechanical Engineers, 229 Broadway.

New-York, April 21, 1862.

Messrs. HERRING & CO.:

GENTS: The Crystallized metal which you handed us to test has been severely tried, by diamond-pointed drills and every other method known to machinists in drilling the hardest kind of metal or tempered steel.

The drills were tempered by one of the most experienced tool-dressers in the City, and we found it impossible to make any impression. We take great pleasure in giving you our experience in attempting to drill your iron, and firmly believe you have invented a metal that will successfully defy the most experienced burglar. Yours respectfully,

DAVISON, DICKINSON & CO.

TO BANKS AND BANKERS.

THE KIND OF ROGUES BANKS HAVE TO DEAL WITH.

From the Hartford Times, Aug. 10, 1865.

Hatters' Bank of Bethel Robbed—Eighty-six Thousand Dollars Stolen.

Between Saturday night and Sunday morning last, the Hatters' Bank at Bethel was robbed of \$86,000 in specie, and bills of that and other Banks. The robbers are adepts at this business, as will be seen by the manner in which they proceeded to accomplish their task. They entered the main door of the Bank in the night; by means of a skeleton key proceeded to the directors' room in the rear, took up the carpet on one side of the room, and then sawed out a trap-door under the large centre-table, through which they entered to the vault below. Here they worked, evidently for a week, nights, until they succeeded in undermining the vault and taking therefrom \$86,000.

After they had finished their night's work, they came up through the trap-door, replaced it, put down the carpet again and tacked it down, and left the bank again precisely as they found it. For fear the tale might be moved, and the trap-door displaced by being stepped on, they inserted screws in the boards to keep them from moving.

Thus they proceeded each night until they secured their plunder, and decamped unsuspected, even.

On Monday morning the officers of the Bank went to the vault to unlock it, and found that the bolt to the inner door would not move, and supposing that the lock was out of repair, they

worked at it until noon, when they succeeded in opening it, and found a plug in the key-hole on the inside, and the bottom of the vault dropped out. This was the first intimation they had that the Bank had been looted.

The whole capital of the Bank was \$100,000. The robbers took \$86,000 of it, \$7,000 in specie, and \$13,000 in bills of other banks, the balance in bills of the bank.

No. 2.

Robbery of the Delaware Bank of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

The Delaware Bank at Delhi, Delaware Co., N. Y., was entered and robbed in a similar manner a year or two ago. The burglars effected their object by tunneling under the building and attacking the bottom of the vault; this, although covered by heavy flag-stone, was broken and forced upward by two powerful jack-screws, and thus the bank vault was relieved of its valuable contents. Although it was evident that the robbers must have been underground, excavations, in making their underground operations, so nicely were their whole operations carried on that no suspicions were excited, until the Cashier, one fine morning, found himself unable to unlock his vault. The robbers had plugged or fastened the lock from the inside, after perpetrating the robbery, and the authorities, the bank, naturally supposing that the lock of the vault only was out of order, were some two days in trying to effect an entrance, before cutting into their doors; in the mean time the robbers were far away with their booty, and it is hardly necessary to add, no traces of them or their treasures have ever been discovered.

No. 3.

From the New-York Herald, Nov. 12, 1861.

Heavy Bank Robbery in Connecticut—\$50,000 Taken.

The Winnet Bank, at West Winfield, Conn., was robbed between Saturday evening, Nov. 9, and Monday morning, Nov. 11, of some fifty thousand dollars, of which eight thousand was in specie, and the balance mostly in bills of their own bank, with three Treasury notes—one of \$100 and two of \$50 each. The building was probably entered by stairs on the outside, communicating with a lawyer's office directly over the bank vault. The floor was taken up, and the vault, which was of heavy masonry, covered with a massive stone slab, entered by splitting the stone and removing it. After the money was taken the pieces of slab were replaced, and the flooring screwed down, leaving scarcely a trace upon the outside of the work accomplished by the burglars.

No. 4.

Two years ago, the Winham County Bank was robbed of a large amount, by a summary process. A clerk of the bank and a large dog slept within the bank. The dog was killed and poisoned. The clerk was seized, tied and gagged, the keys taken from him, the vault entered, and a large sum taken. But the clerk, within an hour after the departure of the robbers, managed to disengage his hands and arouse the neighborhood. The result was, the capture of one of them the same morning, at Norwich (or New-London) where he was about taking the steamboat for New-York. If our memory serves us, he has since died in the State Prison at Wethersfield.

VALUE OF A GOOD SAFE INSIDE THE VAULT.

NEW-YORK EXCHANGE BANK, NEW-YORK, MARCH 27, 1861.

Messrs. HERRING & CO., No. 251 Broadway.

GENTS: You have already been well informed through the columns of the daily papers of the desperate attempt made upon our Money Vault, and the Fire and Burglar-Proof Safe made by you for our Bank a few years ago. Although our vault was very strongly built, and provided with heavy doors and the best of locks, the attempt upon the vault was successful.

The rogues succeeded in undermining the Vault by digging a tunnel some seventy feet long under the adjoining building, and terminating at the base of the Vault itself. Here they commenced their operations upon a large scale, and after removing the front part of the heavy stone foundation, which was strongly laid in cement, they reached the large flag-stone which formed the floor of the Vault. This stone was broken by means of a jack-screw, of great power, and the interior of the Vault thus reached.

Your Safe now became the great point of attack, and bravely did it resist every effort, holding secure its entire trust (property amounting to \$500,000) against all the tools and ingenuity of the burglars.

The first great aim seemed to be to drill into the Safe, but although some thirty holes were made in the outer casing, the hardened iron, forming the centre lining, turned the point of every tool. Disappointed here, they now attempted to dissect the Safe, and attempted to force the strong frame-work apart. After removing one bar, and partially cutting off another, they gave this up, and all further operations proved unavailing. Our confidence in your Safe has been reassured, and we would further add, for the benefit of the public, and to your credit, that had they even succeeded in getting through the outer casing or shell of the Safe, which they did not do, that three more thicknesses of metal still remained, and each of these, in our opinion, would have given them more trouble than the single one by which they were so completely foiled.

When the great resources of these burglars are considered, the opportunity to work from Saturday night to Monday morning, the great number of the best tools in their possession, and the skill and ingenuity displayed, we have reason to feel proud of your Safe.

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S. VAN DUSEN, President N. Y. Exchange Bank.

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SCOTT AND DUCHANAN ON THE CRISIS.

Deficiency of Statesmen—Scott's Views of Preparation—Vain of Fortresses Monroe; of Key West and the Tortugas; of Charleston and Mobile—Buchanan's Failure.

THE BIXON, November, 1862.
I have read, with interest, the letter and memorandum of Gen. Scott and a digest of Mr. Buchanan's reply. The points at issue can never be settled until it shall please the Almighty to change the character of Buchanan and those who agree with him. But the facts disclosed and followed them, afford room for a critical and instructive comment. All the history of revolutions in government teaches us that foresight in preparation, and energy in action are the only qualities which can secure stability to governments; and yet, since 1850, when the Southern traitors openly showed their teeth, till the present moment, foresight and energy are exactly the qualities in which our public men have been tautologically deficient. A man of foresight and firm character in the Presidency of the United States, in the winter of 1860-61 would have seized the defiant Southern seceders in the capital, put them in irons, surrounded an overwhelming army to the field, and seized every Southern town, and hung every traitor found in arms. Every man of sense sees now that this was the proper course, that a revolution was begun, and it could only be arrested by revolutionary means. Would John Hancock or John Adams have hesitated? Would CROMWELL, or NAPOLEON? But who had in the Presidency? A man as inferior to JOHN ADAMS as an empty politician to a brave statesman; the poor creature of party, who was incapable of either brave action or noble sentiments. I had been obliged to know something of BUCHANAN, as I had mingled in and traced out the political history of this country. When FREMONT was nominated, I scarcely had a choice; for, BUCHANAN was so contemptible, that any live man was preferable. The inevitable effect of BUCHANAN's election was to hurry the country, with rapid steps, toward the fearful brink of revolution. I am thankful that I had no part in that great public crime. But I leave all that to speak of Gen. Scott's position at the commencement of secession. Gen. Scott was the Commander-in-Chief; and it was his business to foresee the need of preparation, and both as patriot and soldier, to do all in his power, to defend the fortresses and munitions of the Government. His memoranda in the *National Intelligencer* shows how faithfully he performed that duty, and how little effect it had on the lump of dough, which then held in its hands the reins of Government. But even BUCHANAN feels ashamed of this exhibition of his conduct, and replies, in effect, that to have done his duty in defense of the Government would have jeopardized the expected compromise and peace resolutions! Why, had not threats been made by the South against the Union, in the Missouri compromise, in 1824, 1828, 1832 and 1850? And did not South Carolina actually go to war in 1832? And, finally, did not every sagacious man know that the contest between Freedom and Slavery was inevitable and inappassable? In this respect YANCY and his confederates were far superior to BUCHANAN and his advisers.

But let us return to SCOTT'S position. What were the main military points of the United States at that time? Those of the greatest and most obvious importance were Forts Monroe, Key West and the Tortugas. Fort Pickens, Mobile, Charleston and New-Orleans, with Francisco on the Pacific. The value of these points is almost in the order I have stated them. Forts Monroe, with the fort on the Rip Raps, commanded the finest tide-water river and harbor in the country, and completely shut up Virginia from foreign commerce. The forts at Key West and the Tortugas command the main channel and commerce of the Gulf, quite as completely as Gibraltar does the Mediterranean; and I agree with Gen. SCOTT in believing that, if the rebel States could have got and held Fort Monroe and the forts of the Tortugas, England would have acknowledged their independence. Scott says the forts, or the keys, were saved by just three days. Let us be thankful for those three days. Fort Pickens was of importance, as commanding the noble harbor of Pensacola. The other points were valuable, as commanding the great seaports of the South. Of these we have captured the most important—New-Orleans; and there is nothing seriously in the way of capturing Charleston and Mobile. The importance of Charleston was twofold. First, in a military and commercial point of view—by its numerous bays, estuaries and lagoons, by means of which the greatest possible facility was given for smuggling; and the English would be able to do just what they have done—turnish the rebels with arms and merchandise. In another aspect, it was valuable, as a political centre, whose fall would have a most decisive moral effect against the rebellion. Gen. Scott only said that Fort Moultrie was incapable of defence against a large force, without a greater garrison. He foresaw, also, that both Charleston and the Keys would be lost, as the rebels had common sense—the earliest object of seizure. Accordingly, he urged on BUCHANAN the defence of these points, in the simplest and best manner possible. The army was too small, even to furnish proper garrisons; but a few companies could be sent, and, if sent on the first appearance of danger, they would be sufficient. How different the aspect of things would have been last year, if we had held Charleston and Mobile, no one need be told. It is almost beyond question, that but for the arms and ammunition smuggled into these ports, the rebel armies could not have kept the field. How different things would now be, if the rebels held Forts Monroe and the Tortugas, I need not say. The difference would be tremendous. One of the great points of the war is, if England, France, or both, should undertake to interfere, that they shall have no ports in the South to which they can have access. Take Charleston, Mobile and Savannah, and no foreign interference will take place. England can act on this country only by the water. Her land forces on this continent are contemptible; and France cannot maintain an army long in America. Let the original plan of Gen. Scott be carried out, by completely isolating the South, (which we never have done yet,) and the South can no more move than a mouse in an exhausted receiver. I would meet the rebel armies by an overwhelming force, but I would secure the Southern ports at all hazards, and in every event, and I would do it speedily.

Reviewing this correspondence of Scott and Buchanan, we see at a glance that Scott was contemplating the probability of war, and was preparing for it, and BUCHANAN was contemplating another concession to the insatiable demands of Slavery! It was not enough that our profane after compromise had been made with no effect; that every Northern statesman of any independence, from Adams to Douglass, had been troubled and troubled down, that

more martyrs had been offered up in the South (innocent women and ministers of the Gospel) to the Dagon of Slavery than had been destroyed as the disciples of Wickliffe and Luther; that a dark and bloody barbarism pervaded that and all lands where Slavery prevails; these awful evidences of history were not enough to convince BUCHANAN that the conflict was alike inevitable and fatal. Or, if he was convinced, he was willing that the whole system of Freedom should fall to the ground, and the last defence, the last hope of any freedom for the nation, be lost forever! Alas! that the destinies of a great people should have been entrusted to such hands! BUCHANAN failed! But, was he alone? Is it possible that the Government itself fails? Is it possible that the American mind has degenerated? Is it possible that we should be unable to defend the precious gift of Freedom which God in his infinite grace has bestowed? History is upon her solemn judgment-seat. Is it within the bounds of possibility that this great free Government shall fall by the hands of poltroon politicians and baron slaveholders?

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Board of Aldermen.

THE STREET COMMISSIONER—MR. FROST'S POSITION—ANOTHER NOMINATION REJECTED—REDEMPTION OF SOILED STAMPS.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.
After the reading and approval of the minutes Mr. FROST arose to a question of privilege, and explained, in regard to his nomination for Street Commissioner—having learned by the printed debates at the previous meeting that he was suspected of having colluded with the Mayor—that he had not had any understanding with his Honor on the subject. The only talk they had about the matter was the inquiry of the Mayor, who had not been nominated, and he replied that he had no objection.

A communication was received from the Mayor nominating Mr. Wm. M. Fennell for Street Commissioner. Rejected—11 to 0.

A resolution, by Mr. JAZZAR, was adopted, to authorize the Mayor to memorialize the Government to permit the Post Office Department to redeem soiled stamps with postage notes, and to destroy the defaced stamps.

An invitation to witness the trial of a new tide battery at Jersey City, at 3 o'clock P. M., to-day, was accepted.

The Comptroller reported that the balance in the City Treasury on last Saturday amounted to \$1,577,861.03; also, in reply to a resolution of inquiry, that the amount of the appropriation for roads this year was \$55,000, of which \$44,850 had been expended, leaving a balance of \$10,150. The last monthly payroll of \$6,000 was paid to the Superintendent of Roads, amounting to \$6,521. That was for September, the payroll for October had not been received.

The Board adjourned to meet on Thursday afternoon.

Board of Councilmen.

PROPOSED DONATION TO THE MOUNT ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL—THE REDEMPTION OF SOILED STAMPS—PAYMENTS TO FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS.

The Board of Councilmen met at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.
A resolution of Mr. JONES, in favor of putting \$1,000 in the hands of the Sisters of Charity, in charge of the Mount St. Vincent Hospital, to be used to procure such necessities for the soldiers as one not concluded in the military regulations, was laid over under the rule.

Board of Supervisors.

Veto of the Family Aid Ordinance—Payment of Non-Resident Bridge Commissioners—Police Expenses for 1863.

The Board of Supervisors met at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon.
The following message was received from the Mayor, read, and laid over for ten days under the rule:

Mayor's Office, New-York, Nov. 10, 1862.
To the Honorable the Board of Supervisors:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your honorable body's resolution, approving the ordinance, "for the purpose of furnishing means for the support of the families of volunteers."

I am also satisfied that the plan adopted by the Corporation of this City, to which, in my judgment, the city more appropriately belongs, as it has the largest and most numerous body of volunteers, means the especial care of the corporate authorities of this City. The Common Council, by four several ordinances, the first of which was approved July 17, 1862, and the last on the 21st of the same month, has, in fact, appropriated two millions of dollars for the relief of the families of volunteers. The provision made by the ordinance of the 21st of July last, to continue this relief without interruption until the termination of the rebellion.

You will thus perceive that the object contemplated by the Board of Supervisors, in relation to the Corporation of this City, to which, in my judgment, the city more appropriately belongs, as it has the largest and most numerous body of volunteers, means the especial care of the corporate authorities of this City. The Common Council, by four several ordinances, the first of which was approved July 17, 1862, and the last on the 21st of the same month, has, in fact, appropriated two millions of dollars for the relief of the families of volunteers. The provision made by the ordinance of the 21st of July last, to continue this relief without interruption until the termination of the rebellion.

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HOPE CHAPLAIN—THE LITTLE CALIFORNIA.
BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC—CAMILLE.
PALACE OF MUSIC—CAMPBELL'S MINSTRELS.
GOULD'S, NO. 712 BROADWAY—VANDERBILT'S PICTURE OF THE POET AND MARKET OF RIO DE JANEIRO.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We publish this morning a preliminary report from Gen. HALLOCK that all officers of whatever grade, belonging to the Army of the Potomac, must proceed to join their respective commands within twenty-four hours—the penalty for disobedience being dismissal from the service.

Gen. McCLELLAN expected to leave the Army of the Potomac, for the North, on Sunday; but the work of transferring the command to Gen. BRANTON was found too heavy to accomplish in so short a time, and his journey was deferred until to-day. On Sunday evening, all the officers belonging to headquarters assembled at his tent to bid him farewell; and yesterday the General and his Staff, accompanied by Gen. BRANTON, bade farewell to the army in detail, visiting in succession the several army corps. Gen. BRANTON, on taking command, issued a modest address to the army, which is published this morning. The concluding sentence of it is as follows:

"With diffidence for myself, but with proud confidence in the unwavering loyalty and determination of the gallant army now entrusted to my care, I accept its control with the steadfast assurance that the just cause must prevail."

Gen. HOOKER has been assigned to the command of the Army Corps, recently under command of Gen. FIZ JOHN PORTER, who has been ordered to Washington to stand his trial on charges preferred by Gen. PORR.

Fredericksburg is again in possession of our forces. Sixty of BAYARD'S Cavalry made a dash into the place yesterday, captured forty rebels and two baggage-wagons loaded with cloth for the rebel army, and drove out eight companies of the rebels.

BAKERSFIELD undoubtedly expects that Charleston is to be immediately attacked by our forces. He has allowed non-combatants to leave the city with their movable property. All slaves are also to be removed.

The Richmond papers of Sunday last have a report that the "Abolitionists" marched in force (on date given) from Washington, N. C., to a point on the Roanoke River, to cut off the rebel troops. The "Abolitionists," the report says, "were kept at bay, while the Confederates fell back to Spring Green, below Williamson, with the loss of two killed and thirty-one wounded." The National loss is represented to have been very heavy, "including an entire cavalry company cut up and destroyed." This movement of our forces no doubt has some connection with Gen. FORSTER'S expedition, of which there is considerable anxiety to gain further intelligence. The rebel story will do to tell until we get one from our own side, when its essential features will probably be very materially changed.

There had been no assault on Nashville up to Friday evening. On Wednesday night the rebel pickets on the Murfreesboro, McMinnville and Franklin pikes commenced skirmishing, and a rebel force, supposed to be MORAN'S, made a dash on the new railroad bridge north of Nashville, but were repulsed. The National loss in the various skirmishes were one killed, thirteen wounded, and three missing. McCook's advance reached Nashville on the afternoon of the 6th, and no doubt saved the City from attack. It is reported that the rebels have evacuated Murfreesboro and McMinnville, and gone to Chattanooga, and that Gen. JOSEPH E. JOHNSON has arrived at Chattanooga and assumed command of the Department of Tennessee and North Alabama. BAKER'S command is at Chattanooga. Deserter from the rebel army say that BAAGO was obliged to destroy most of his property, captured by his forces in Kentucky, to prevent its falling into BURLE'S hands.

GENERAL NEWS.

A significant meeting of the Democracy was held last evening at the headquarters of the Democratic Union Association, corner of Twenty-second-street and Broadway. JOHN VAN BUREN made a speech favoring the declaration of an armistice, to enable the people of the South to go home and elect representatives to Congress before the 1st of January, so as to avoid the coming proclamation of freedom to their slaves. He was also in favor of a "convention to amend the Constitution so as to admit of the restoration of the old Union." FERNANDO WOOD and JAMES BRIGGS made speeches in favor of interposing the power of the State to prevent the march of troops of alleged usurpation by the Government.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock last evening, a fearful accident occurred at HICKSON'S BAKERY, in Rutgers-street, by the falling of the rear wall of a five-story building, thereby killing a whole family under the ruins. A child was taken out dead, and the father and mother, after several hours' severe labor, were rescued from the ruins, barely alive. It is believed they cannot survive. There will be an investigation, to-day, of the causes which led to this calamity.

Last evening an adjourned meeting of the Directors of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum was held at the Catholic Library, No. 22 Court-st., Brooklyn. The meeting was in aid of the

fatherless ones, burnt out of their Asylum on Sunday morning. \$215.50 was subscribed; the Common Council appropriated \$1,000. Bishop DOUGLASS had sent to him, yesterday, \$798, and on Sunday was contributed \$458.53, thus making over \$3,000 already subscribed. More, however, is wanted. Donations of money, wearing apparel, and food, can be sent to Bishop DOUGLASS, No. 105 Jay-street, or to Sister CONSTANCE, St. Paul's Orphan Asylum, corner of Clinton and Congress streets, Brooklyn.

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a message was received from the Mayor, vetoing the resolutions appropriating \$500,000 for the aid of the families of volunteers, for the reason that the City authorities have adequately provided means for the purpose. The message was laid over under the rule. Estimates of the expenses of the Police for 1863 were presented and referred. The figures are: For general expenses, \$40,150; the New-York force, \$1,766,422; the Brooklyn force, \$214,200; total, \$2,020,772. The Board adjourned for one week as Supervisors, but met at noon to-day as County Commissioners.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The name of WM. M. VERNILY, for Street Commissioner, was rejected by 11 to 4. A resolution was adopted in favor of asking the Government to redeem silver stamps with postage stamps through the Post-office, and to destroy the defaced stamps. The Board adjourned till 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The Board of Councilmen met at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A resolution to donate \$1,000 to the Sisters of Charity at Mount St. Vincent Hospital, to procure such necessities for the soldiers as are not furnished by the Government, was laid over under the rule. Concurrence was had on the resolution in favor of the redemption of silver stamps by the Postal Department. The Comptroller reported that \$56,634 had been paid out to the families of volunteers for the fortnight ending November 1st. The Board adjourned to Monday next.

The Albany Assembly revises its returns regarding the election of November 5th, and makes a tie—64 Democrats to 64 Republicans. The Albany Journal, it will be remembered, figures out a Republican majority.

On Friday last, one of the passenger cars from Hudson, while crossing the ferry at Havre-de-Grace, ran half-way off the boat and hung suspended over the river. Fortunately it was checked there. No lives were lost, although an hour's time was spent in righting the cars.

The St. Louis papers publish long letters from Gen. HALLOCK, W. T. SHERMAN, POPE and SIOUX, recommending, in the strongest terms, the extension of the southwest branch of the Pacific Railroad as far as Springfield, Mo., as a military measure.

JAMES S. GREEN, Esq., one of the first Directors of the Camden and Amboy Railroad Company, and who also occupied the position of Treasurer, died at his residence in Princeton, N. J., on Saturday morning last. Mr. Green was one of the principal lawyers in New-Jersey. His age was 71 years.

Breadstuffs were in brisk demand yesterday, and prices of Flour advanced 10c @ 15c. Corn, 2c @ 3c, and Corn, 1c @ 1 1/2c bushel. Pork and Beef were quiet, as were also Sugars, Rice, Cotton-seeds, Hemp-seeds, and other commodities. Coffee, Java, Hides, Leather and Whisky were in active request. The freight engagements were more extensive.

There is a large supply of beef-cattle this week, the number at Forty-fourth-street counting up to 4,500 at noon of Monday, with others to arrive. A few good cattle were in the yards, and first-class buyers had to put up with second-rate animals, paying 30c @ 40c, possibly 50c, for the very best. Trade was lively in the morning, but fell during the afternoon, and enough were left at night to indicate a heavy close to-day. Prices are rather lower, than last week, especially for common cattle, which comprised the bulk of the offerings.

The Removal of Gen. McClellan.

The country breathes freer. Old Aus, like Rinaldo, has at last, patience-exhausted, despite alike of prayers and threats, by one bold stroke laid low the charmed myrtle.

"Tis done! the myrtle falls; the enchantment ceases. With the ended spell; the phantoms disappear."

Our armies must move now. The trumpets will peal; the last deadly charges will be made, and our Jerusalem, too, will be delivered.

History will record it as the greatest marvel of this war, that our people should have suffered their marshaled hosts to remain so long paralyzed by a single cause. There is no other instance on military record of such prolonged inactivity, when the means were so ample and the stakes so great—or of such credulous trust on the part of a Government or of a people, in ever-about-to-do non-performance. On the 26th of July, 1861, nearly sixteen months ago, Gen. McCLELLAN arrived in Washington to take command of the Army of the Potomac, which was to march to Richmond. His story has been a varied one, but as for his efficiency, it is all summed up in the single fact that to-day the Army of the Potomac, though it has grown to one five times as strong, still stands substantially in the same tracks as then, with the prospect of nothing more active than winter quarters should.

It is astonishing that the people should have borne this at all. It is even more astonishing that they should have borne it all the while, under the assurance that Gen. McCLELLAN, who is naturally a modest man, was another NAPOLEON—the American counterpart of the man who, in twenty winter days, hurled his armies from the ocean to the Rhine, and in forty more, from the Rhine to Vienna—a distance exceeding that from the Potomac to New-Orleans—all the while scattering his foes before him like leaves before the whirlwind. We all remember how it was the favorite wizard to unravel the mystery of it. The real clue, we suppose, lies in the propensity of human nature to adapt the imagination to its eager desires; or, in other words, to make the wish father to the thought. In our intense anxiety for a great General, we easily brought ourselves to believe that we had one. Gen. McCLELLAN had an admirable physique, noble personal qualities, great scientific attainments. Hearing that of him was enough. We looked him on the spot as a military genius—the very man for the crisis.

And really his long trial has shown off many capital points. He has organized his army well, and skillfully brought it up to a high pitch of discipline. He has known how to win the personal devotion of his soldiers, which WELLINGTON never did, or could do. He was assiduous, hard-working, emphatically a painstaking man—vigilant, unimpaired, and never to be surprised. He was good, at all, at conceiving, scheming, planning—at anything, in fact, but scheming. Ah! there was the rub:

As a horse
Fit for the war, or road, or course?
His mouth was soft, his eye was good;
His foot was sure as ever trod.
One fault he had, (as fault indeed)
And what was that? The horse was dead!
Or what amounted to the same thing—
He did not go. The sole defect of Gen. Mc-

CLELLAN has been that he lacked motive power. He has an excessive caution which cramps all of his better energies, and practically disables him for aggressive warfare, the very first requisite of which is boldness. That over-cautious disposition was noticed long ago, but there was a fond hope that experience would cure it. Experience, and that, too, of the hardest sort, has not cured it. It has been demonstrated to be an inseparable part of Gen. McCLELLAN'S nature. It is the parent of this fatal quality alone—the parent of indecision, procrastination and inaction—that reconciles us, and will reconcile the country, to the displacement of a commander otherwise so competent.

We have the very highest authority for saying that this excess of caution is the worst of all evils in a military leader. "The fault of most commanders, however brave," said the Duke of Wellington, "is backwardness in taking the last step to bring on a battle, especially when armies are large—arising from deep moral anxieties, and, after all, the uncertainties of the issue." NAPOLEON remarked at St. Helena: "Generals are rarely found to give battle; they choose their positions, establish themselves, consider their combinations, but then commences their indecision; nothing is so difficult, and at the same time so important, as to know when to decide." This fault operates with particularly fatal effect in a war for putting down rebellion. Every reader of history knows that nothing has more generally given success to rebellion and revolution than lack of timely and well-sustained energy upon the part of the established Government, especially in its military operations.

The very fact that the Government so much excels in resource, in itself tempts its Generals to take things leisurely, and to strike only at their convenience; and when this is joined an indecision respecting the best time to fight, the final issue is almost sure to be disastrous. In a letter to Congress, in 1780, Washington expressly speaks of "our security depending on a want of confidence in the enemy," and says that "we have been indebted, during a greater part of the war, for our safety, to their inactivity." Everybody knows how the Confederacy has gained in heart and hope, in spirit and prestige, from every day it has been able to keep our great armies at bay—how foreign nations have seen in it positive proof that the Confederates have a strength which must ultimately secure their independence—and how it has operated to engender discontent and distraction among the loyal men of the country. The damage which the Government has already sustained by this delay is incalculable. If it be not arrested, it cannot but end in absolute ruin. We trust, however, that we have now seen the last of it. Considering the disappointments of the past, it will not do to be very sanguine concerning Gen. BRANTON, before he is put to the actual test. Yet this much we are sure of: he has energy and decision and promptitude, for he has signally displayed them on many a trying occasion. He will not stand still. He will move, and keep moving. If he have other high qualities to match—which we believe he has—he will move with effect too, and will keep Christmas nowhere but in Richmond.

Next Session of Congress—Epoch of Freedom.

In three weeks, counting from yesterday, Congress will meet in annual session. It has been very much the habit to predict of every approaching session of Congress that it will be "the most important ever held." Up to this time, however, there has been no unusual interest attached to the ensuing session. There are several reasons for this; but the chief reason is that the late session of Congress seemed in its legislation to have covered the whole ground of the rebellion and the necessities of the war. The Confiscation and Emancipation Acts, the Tariff and Internal Revenue Bills, the Pacific Railroad Charter, and the Act declaring freedom forever in all Territories of the Union—these great measures provided for the support of the Government and the direction of its policy for present and future, in time of war and time of peace; and it seemed at the close of the session that the Government might go on for years successfully without another meeting of Congress. Hence no interest has been excited by the near approach of the time for the reassembling of Congress; and the declaration made a few days since that the President was preparing the materials for his Message was forgotten almost as soon as made, and no speculation has been indulged in as to its contents.

But all these signs of public indifference and inattention may prove delusive. Instead of a quiet Session we may have, indeed, one of the most exciting and momentous of our national existence. One thing, at least, is certain the next Session of Congress will witness one of the most amazing transactions ever recorded in history—the instant liberation by edict of war of over three millions of slaves. And the liberation of these will incidentally and not very remotely draw with it the enfranchisement of one million more. The next Session of Congress will not only witness this grand birth of a people, but upon its members will devolve the duty of dealing with the fact, as authors and delegated guardians of the process of Emancipation.

Prophecy has directed us to look for eventful times in the latter days of the earth. Wars and rumors of wars—distress and perplexity among the people—and, as a climax, "nations shall be born in a day." We will indulge in no vain and unprofitable discussion as to the probability of prophecy falling on our day. But he must be insensibly indeed to the profoundest emotions of humanity who fails to regard the first of the ensuing year, bearing with it the promise of freedom to four millions of a race that has bent for centuries under cruel bondage, as one of the grandest epochs that seer or prophet ever

discerned. "In the spirit." Those of us who are living when that day comes will, we are sure, remember it forever.

The disposition to be made of the enfranchised slaves of the South will be one of the chief subjects of investigation and decision at the coming session of Congress. Universal emancipation is to be received as an accomplished fact, after the first of January. After that day, it will be claimed of the seceded States, (and soon of all the States,) as it is claimed of England, that "a slave cannot breathe on its soil." And such will be our National faith and policy forever. But what settlement shall be made of the ignorant and penniless millions that are so soon to be ushered upon Freedom? Deportation and Colonization in foreign countries is simply absurd. It is the wildest and most impossible of schemes. In the South, the blacks must have their homes. But in what parts of the South—under what political system—in what relation to the whites, and in what relation to the State and National Governments? These are problems difficult to solve, and yet unspeakably important in their solution to the happiness of all the millions of both races. The next session of Congress will inaugurate the debates on these great social and political questions; but it is hardly probable that the 4th of March, when the existence of Congress closes, will find the problems solved, and the policy of the Government settled permanently and to the satisfaction of all.

There are other disturbing elements that may come into play between December and March, to increase the excitement of the National progress. But we will not speak of them now. There is enough in what we have already suggested to show that the next session of Congress will be held in the midst of the most remarkable events, and vexed by the most important questions of modern times, that may give birth to characters that will live in history for all ages.

The Slave-Trade in New-York.

The cases which have arisen out of the capture of the slave *Nightingale*, and which were disposed of yesterday in the United States Circuit Court, will rank among the most remarkable of the Slave-trade cases. The vessel was captured with her cargo of negroes on board—and it is almost incredible that in such a case every one of those who were captured while engaged in the act should escape scot free. Yet such has been the result.

The Captain of the vessel was allowed to escape in some way, but the three mates and the crew were brought to this port. The crew were held as witnesses and the mates were indicted. The first one tried was WINTERVELT, the third mate, who was indicted for the capital offence. He was a young man, who had not been to sea long, and was very respectably connected in this City. Under the charge of the Judge that he must have participated in the reception of the negroes freely, voluntarily and willingly, without any restraint from the facts and circumstances surrounding him, four of the jury were able to have a doubt in the case, and refused to agree on a verdict of Guilty. He was thereupon admitted to bail, and having afterwards given to the Government important information, he has never been tried a second time. HAYNES, the first mate, was next put on trial some months ago. The fact of his having been engaged in receiving the negroes could not be denied any more than it could be in WINTERVELT'S case. The other facts were stronger against him. But he had at the risk of his life jumped overboard to save the life of a fellow-seaman, and sympathy and prejudice combined in his favor, and the jury failed to agree. He was brought to trial again, the case was made out more clearly than before by new evidence, and once more the jury failed to agree. His counsel, the Court ordered him to be discharged on his own recognizance. The second mate was also discharged on his own recognizance. Then, as a matter of course, the witnesses were discharged, and there is an end of the cases.

We should not think the result so remarkable, were it not that there was also pending against HAYNES another indictment for a minor offence, the punishment of which is only imprisonment. If he had been any doubt whatever as to HAYNES' guilt, and the indictment for the capital offence had been the only one, the fact of two juries having failed to find a verdict against him might well have warranted his discharge. But the man was caught *flagrante delicto*. The only possible ground of escape for him was either that he had acted under compulsion, or that he had not known the character of the voyage until too late for him to get away. But the compulsion theory was absurd. HAYNES was an experienced sailor, a grown man, who was not easily frightened. He had, as he stated to the Court, once saved a vessel and her crew from sinking by his own exertions. He had jumped overboard in a tempest to save the life of a comrade. His courage and determination were stamped upon his face, and we cannot conceive how any one could, for a moment, suppose that he did what he did under compulsion. Nor was the theory of ignorance any more tenable. His experience must have told him that a vessel on the slave coast, lying for weeks in the rivers there without occupation, leaving the place where palm oil was to be procured, running in and out of the coast, and dodging the cruisers, rigging up stagings to receive a cargo with, and all the time under his own direction as chief officer, could be on no other business than the Slave-trade; and when it was shown, as it was conclusively, that the vessel was boarded not only once but several times by United States vessels, on board of which he could have taken refuge if he had had any desire to abandon the unlawful enterprise, the defence of ignorance of being innocently in an enterprise from which he could not escape, was most extraordinary and incredible, and the acceptance of it by

any of the jury only to be explained by the repugnance in this community to punish men capriciously for engaging in the Slave-trade. He might never have been convicted of the capital offence, but in our opinion his conviction, if put on trial for the minor charge, was sure; and his escape without punishment is a victory for the Slave-traders, which it is a pity they should have.

They met, however, with a defeat at the same time, which helps to console us. When ALBERT HORN was convicted, some days since, of fitting out the steamer *City of Norfolk* as a slaver, it seems that the officer who had charge of the jury, very improperly allowed some Directors to be carried into the jury-room after they had retired to consider on their verdict. And after HORN was convicted, his counsel moved, quite confidently, for a new trial on the ground of this irregularity, citing several cases where verdicts had been set aside on similar grounds. But it happened that the fact of the Directors going in to the jury came to the knowledge of the Judge who tried the cause before the jury rendered their verdict, and having called them up, he directed them to disregard entirely any evidence which they had got in this way. The Judges therefore held that the defendant had not been prejudiced in any way by this irregularity of which he complained, and could not, therefore, have a new trial. We are very glad it is so. The escape from punishment of the first merchant who has been convicted of fitting out a slaver in this port would be far more of a victory for the Slave-traders than the escape of a dozen mates of vessels.

"COME, LOVE! COME!" The Honorable JOHN VAN BUREN made another of his wonderful speeches in this City last night, in bearing of the Democratic Union Association. Before beginning his oration, the brass band which had been engaged to add to the fascinations of the occasion, played with great effect the soft and gentle strains of "Come, love! come!" which may be regarded as a sort of counterpart to that other tune which Mr. VAN BUREN has been piping for some time past, "Wayward sisters, depart in peace!" After the brass band had thus struck the key-note of the meeting, Mr. VAN BUREN took up the strain, and piped softly in a style that might or might not woo even JEFF. DAVIS and STONEWALL JACKSON. He had a discordant note, however, in the very opening of his effort. He said he was still in favor of "first taking Richmond," and, as this will probably involve the destruction of JEFF. DAVIS, Stonewall Jackson and several other rebels, we think he will at once see the impropriety of singing to them, "Come, love! come!" after they are dead. This discord over, John cleared his larynx, and proceeded.

The gist of his thing (if one can give the gist of such a thing) was that Mr. LINCOLN should declare an armistice, to enable the people of the South to send members to Congress—they would, without doubt, send them—the Southern members, having had no cause for leaving their seats, might return and resume them—once back in Washington, two-thirds of the Congress (JEFF. DAVIS, SLIDELL, KRETT & Co. being there), could call a Convention to amend the Constitution—and JOHN VAN BUREN'S life upon it, this Convention would restore the unity of the thirty-four States. The Convention could continue Mr. LINCOLN in power if it was thought proper; but the people of the South would want a new man—and he certainly concurred with them in that desire—so they might choose Gen. McCLELLAN to be the ruler of the regenerated Government. He did not put all this forth as the programme of the Democratic Party, but as his own programme, and he had the happiness of hearing it indurged by the loud applause of the audience.

We cannot give in our adhesion to this plan at the late hour at which we write, but we will agree that, after Gen. BRANTON takes Richmond, JOHN VAN BUREN be sent down to the Southern army—if it can then be found—and into the presence of JEFF. DAVIS—if he can be discovered—and that, as a preliminary to armistice, he do play before those parties the tune of "Come, love! come!" that so we can judge of the propriety of carrying the farce any further.

EMANCIPATION IN MISSOURI.—It seems to be quite certain that at least four, and probably five, of the nine Congressmen just elected in Missouri, will be Emancipationists. This result is worthy of special attention, as showing a progress in the public sentiment of the Slave States on this subject, which is in the highest degree encouraging. While certain portions of the people of the Free States are terribly alarmed lest Slavery should be in some way damaged or interfered with, the people of the loyal Slave States are preparing to meet this inevitable issue with courage and common sense. One of the worst features connected with Slavery in the South, has been the absolute silence forced upon the people in regard to it. No evil is intolerable so long as the community in which it exists is free to discuss it. For in the long run every community, which is free to speak and to act, will adopt the policy required by its permanent and substantial interests. Error is not to be feared so long as truth is left free to combat it.

But in the South this guarantee for the public interests was withdrawn. Freedom of discussion on the paramount interest of the country was forbidden. No man in any Slave State dared publish an argument against Slavery: there was liberty to write only in its defence. The reflecting men in the South, who were not slaveholders and who had thus no immediate personal interest to bias their judgments, were condemned to silence on the subject, unless they would make themselves the advocates and champions of the system. The slaveholders had despotic control of speech and the Press throughout the Southern States.

The rebellion is changing this state of

things. Wherever the National flag now goes it carries with it freedom of discussion. Slavery may now be examined, its merits canvassed fully and freely in Slave States as well as in New-England and the North. The tendency of this change is seen in the Missouri elections. The same result would doubtless follow in some of the other Slave States, though not in all. But in all of them free discussion would greatly modify the system, and strip it of its worst features, even if it did not secure its speedy abolition.

THE UNITED STATES SENATOR.—The Albany *Atlas* and *Argus* explains, for our enlightenment, the process by which it expects to "secure the election of a conservative Senator for the next term."

"The General Election law fixes the first Tuesday in February for the election of United States Senators. Both the Senate and Assembly must meet a nomination before the two Houses can meet to vote. Among the Republican members of the Lower House are some conservative men, who will not be likely to agree to the nomination of any Radical, especially after the verdict which has just been rendered by the people at the polls, against the policy of the Abolitionists. It is not probable, therefore, that a joint ballot will be reached, or a Senator elected at all, unless the success of a National conservative candidate can be secured."

We don't see it yet. Suppose the "conservative men" of the Assembly do not agree to the nomination of a "radical," but unite with the Democrats in nominating a "conservative;" a joint meeting must then take place to compare nominations, and if they do not agree, then a Senator must be appointed by joint ballot. We don't see anything in this process which "secures" the election of either JOHN VAN BUREN or of CHAS. O'CONNOR.

THE STATE ASSEMBLY.—The returns thus far make it certain that sixty-four Republicans and Union men have been elected to the State Assembly. Besides these, Mr. CUTLER, elected in Albany, was nominated as a Union man, and elected without opposition, and although he has been hitherto a Democrat, his vote is confidently claimed for the Union side. In Montgomery County also, there is a chance of the election of the Union candidate, and in Onondaga the official returns may show that Mr. LEAVENWORTH has been elected instead of Mr. CLARK, his Democratic opponent, for whom only six majority are claimed. If any one of these three chances are decided in their favor, the Republicans and Union men will have a majority in the Assembly, and will be able to organize the House and elect a United States Senator.

There will be one advantage which this Assembly will have over the last—the Democrats have drawn the party lines so clearly, and have put themselves so directly on the ground of opposition to the Administration, that there will be no difficulty in maintaining a just and proper party organization. In the last Assembly this was not the case. In the election party lines had been almost obliterated, and very many of those elected on the Union ticket acted with the Democratic Party throughout the session. In this election questions of principle have entered much more largely into the canvass, and every member will be prepared and expected to stand by his colors.

OUR MUNICIPAL ELECTION.—Our citizens do not seem to be aware that we are to have an election for City officers within a month. We hear none of the usual notes of preparation. There seems to be an absolute lull in the political field. The fact is the Democrats made so clean a sweep of our City, at the last election, that the Republicans seem to think it scarcely worth while to contest the matter further. The chances of success are not flattering enough to elicit any great degree of activity from those who usually take the lead in political movements. Whether the Republicans intend to surrender the City offices without a struggle we do not know; but if not, it is quite time they were making preparations for it. It was supposed that the Comptroller'ship would be the principal bone of contention—but the only struggle thus far for its possession seems to be in the Democratic ranks. According to present appearances the election is likely to be allowed to go by default.

CITY AND COUNTRY.—Some of our Republican friends in the interior find it hard to resign themselves to the small help they get from the City in their political contests. They think it is asking a little too much to expect them to carry the State against 38,000 majority in New-York City and Brooklyn alone. There is great justice in their complaint,—but it is not quite easy to see where we can find the remedy. The Republicans of this City have worked with vigor and energy in the canvass just closed. They knew in advance that they had up-hill work before them, and tried to secure from the State Convention a nomination that would lighten the burden. They failed, however, to convince their friends from the interior of the necessity of any such concession to City prejudice, and were forced accordingly to contend against difficulties which proved too formidable for them. It is barely possible that these things may be more judiciously managed hereafter; though we think the Oswego *Times* is not far out of the way, when it concludes that they must make up their minds to carry elections hereafter without the help of New-York.

GEN. SCOTT'S LETTER AND JOHN VAN BUREN.

—We have received sundry communications touching JOHN VAN BUREN'S publication of Gen. Scott's letter. We do not publish them, because we think Mr. VAN BUREN'S explanation of that matter, unless objected to by Gen. Scott, must be deemed satisfactory by everybody else. He states that Gen. Scott gave him first a copy of the letter and afterwards the original autograph. He made no request that it should not be published nor did he give him to understand in any way that it was to be deemed a confidential letter.

Under these circumstances, Mr. VAN BUREN was fairly entitled to infer that Gen. Scott would not object to its publication,—and so far as appears, he does not object. As the writer of the letter, he has an undoubted right to control its publication and the fact of it;

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occupants or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following persons have been duly and completely and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination of the persons interested, viz.: For laying cross-roads on Sixth Avenue, at Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets, and also regulating, grading and setting earth and gutter in front of the street, between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue, the limits bounded by such cross-roads, to-wit: the limits abutting the several houses and lots of vacant lots, places and parcels of land situated on both sides of Sixth Avenue from and to point of view distant, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, and Fifty-second and Fifty-fifth streets, on both sides of Sixth Avenue, and Fifty-third and Fifty-fifth streets, on both sides of

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-
 named assessments and who are of age to the value, or
 number of them, are required to present their objections
 in writing, to one of the undersigned at their office, No.
 332 Chambers Street, first-floor, New Court-house, within
 thirty days from the date of the notice.
 CHAS. M. NILES, notice
 JACOB F. OAKLEY, J., Board of Assess-
 W. M. A. DOOLEY,

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, NEW COURT-HOUSE, Octo-

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given, to the owner or owners, tenants, occupants, occupants, affected thereby that the following list of delinquent taxes have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz. Regular and grading, and street-cleaning and gutter stones, and flag four feet wide on Fifty-eight street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, sewer in Fortitude street, between Tenth and Ninth streets, and sewer in Tenth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues. The limits embraced by such Assessment, include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, and

On both sides of Fifty-eighth street, between First and Second Avenues, the houses of Forteth Street are between Tenth and Ninth Avenues.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above mentioned Assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or who desire to be heard in support of them, are requested to present their objections at a public hearing of the undersigned, at their office, No. 111 Chambers Street, New York City, on Thursday, the thirty-first day of the month of May, next.

W. H. BAS, M. C. HILL,
JACOB L. DAKLEY, Board of Assessors.
WM. A. DOWLEY,
CLERK, BOARD OF ASSESSORS, NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 1894.

FILED, COMMISSIONER OF TAXES, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXES, NEW YORK CITY, Nov. 1894.

A League of Aldermen will meet every Wednesday at 2 o'clock P. M. in Room No. 1, City Hall. Parties interested in any matter before the Committee will have opportunity of being heard.

T. F. MELEY,
IRA A. ALLEN,
G. J. JEREMIAH,
Committee on Sewers

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every SATURDAY, at 2 o'clock, in the City Library, City Hall.

ALEX. W. CHASE,
IRA A. ALLEN,
WILLIAM WALSH,
Committee on Fire Department

BUSINESS CHANCES.
TO CONTRACTORS FOR IRON WORK.
TANDY BROS.—A large foundry, with heavy iron castings and fixtures complete, and a machine shop, with planer of 20 feet bed, large lathes, and on a surface of machinery and tools, is for sale, under favorable conditions for cash and part payment. The sale is at once, or the property may be retained. Terms may be made by reliable parties. Apply immediately for full description and particulars, to TANDY BROS.,

FOR SALE—THE REMAINING PROPERTY of the late Michael J. Murphy, consisting of approximately 400 acres, built out in lots and ones, with large lots of pasture, fields and forestry trees. With

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chance for a good druggist, in drug store, well stock
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ant village, eight miles from New-York. Inquire at No. 3
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CENTRAL OFFICE, SANITARY COMMISSION.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, 1862.
The Sanitary Commission, at the request of Gen. H. Lock, most earnestly advises against the practice of selling presents to soldiers of articles which it is supposed will add to the convalescence of their camp-fellows. The knowledge of the Commission, on many hundreds of cases of disease, presents are now piled up, especially in the rear of the army and upon old camp-grounds, while thousands of

probably been destroyed to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy, and but a small part of all that had been received by those to whom they were addressed. The letters were, therefore, sent to the friends as tokens of the affection and interest of their friends. For this purpose, letters and such other small articles as were not transmitted by mail would have been much better. Latter days section serious practicalism, however, has made it impossible to do anything but the best that could be done under the circumstances, while the same result is the inevitable consequence of the selfishness of the so-called volunteer without university, and they learn better to bear with much equanimity unpleasant to carry an excessive number of papers.

of the troops, the doctors, and the several hundred support forces in the present war are attributed to the highest military authority but even when successful in the attempt to secure control by the possession of an actual tactical advantage, the troops are frustrated by the heavy support of the other forces. The result, once control has been reached, where the light one is retained, and the long and heavy have been drastically reduced, when the light and short one is protected. Similar observations apply to general hospitals. The hospitals are not the best equipped for the emergency, but are the best equipped for the barest necessities for the temporary reception of the sick, who, in all serious cases, are removed as fast as possible to general hospitals, where the supplies

The regulations are not justified. An excessive amount of time is consumed in the administration of the regulations and the inconveniences to the prisoners are excessive. The regulations are not necessary to the sick and wounded for it is their duty to be in the hospital and to be under the supervision of the medical authorities. The regulations are not necessary to the prisoners of the hospital for it is their duty to be in the hospital and to be under the supervision of the medical authorities. The regulations are not necessary to the prisoners of the hospital for it is their duty to be in the hospital and to be under the supervision of the medical authorities.

■FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED. Under an order from the President of the United States, a new system has been established for the sending of contributions for the safe transmission and generous distribution of articles contributed by the people for the sick and wounded of the Army and Navy. The system, after being well tried, has been formally approved and recommended by the President, the Secretary of War, the Surgeon General, and the Secretary of the Navy. It offers against misappropriation of articles received until the contributions are delivered to the hospitals, where they necessarily pass from the control of the government. Of more than a million articles sent

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of hospitals and clinics is but a branch of the work of the unmission. It employs the best professional talent which can be obtained, and the cost of this larger purpose is not to be measured in terms of the health of the individual man, but in terms of the health of the nation, of the burden upon his burden, and to sustain their efforts under the privations and hardships which are essential parts of successful warfare. For this purpose contributions to the treasury are solicited. They may be sent to the Treasurer, G. T. STRONG, Esq., No. 35 Wall-st., New-York.

D. Samuel G. Howard, M.D., Cornell University Medical College, New York; Dr. Klisha Harris, M.D.; J. S. Newman, M.D.; Dr. George H. Stork, Horace Binney, Jr., R.R. Co., P.O. Box 108, New York, D.C.; Hon. Joseph Holt, R.W. Parsons, Donat Sklarer, Frederick Law Olmsted.

Contributions of suitable supplies for the sick and wounded will be received at the American Red Cross Headquarters, 170 Broadway, New York. For further information apply in New York to the following: the Committee on Needs Generally by mail to FRED. LAW OLIVIER, General Secretary, Washington.



PRICE TWO CENTS

Pennsylvania Frightened Again. Reported Invasion of the State.
Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 11.
It is reported this morning that the rebels were in Mercersburg and on the way to Chambersburg. It is probably untrue, but caused by

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The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12, 1862.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

[OFFICIAL.]

WAR GAZETTE.

Orders Relating to Railroad Operations.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, NOV. 10, 1862.

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 337.—Commanding officers of troops along the United States military railroads, will give all facilities to the officers of the roads and the Quartermasters for loading and unloading cars, so as to prevent any delay. On arrival at the depots, whether to the day or night, the cars will be instantly unloaded, and working parties will always be in readiness for that duty, and sufficient to unload the whole train at once. Commanding officers will be charged with guarding the track, sidings, wood, water tanks, etc., within their several commands, and will be held responsible for the result. Any military officer who shall neglect his duty in this respect, will be reported by the Quartermasters and officers of the railroad, and his name will be stricken from the rolls of the army.

Depots will be established at suitable points, under the direction of the Commanding General, and property guarded. No officer, whatever may be his rank, will interfere with the running of the cars, as directed by the Superintendent of the road. Any one who so interferes will be dismissed from the service for disobedience of orders.

By order of the Secretary of War.

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

Order Relating to the Finding of the Military Commission in the Harper's Ferry Case.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, NOV. 8.

GENERAL ORDER No. 183.—The Military Commission, of which Major-General DAVID HENRY, U. S. Volunteers, is President, appointed to meet to the City of Washington on the 25th of September, pursuant to Special Order No. 225, of Sept. 23, 1862, to investigate the circumstances of the abandonment of Maryland Heights, and the surrender of Harper's Ferry, have reported that Col. THOMAS H. FORD, of the Third Ohio Volunteers, conducted the defense of Maryland Heights without ability, abandoned his position without sufficient cause, and has shown throughout such a lack of military capacity as to disqualify him, in the estimation of the Commission, for a command in the service. The said Col. THOMAS H. FORD, by direction of the President, is dismissed from the service of the United States.

2. The Commission having reported that the behavior of the One Hundred and Twenty-six New-York Infantry was disgraceful, and that Major WILLIAM H. BAIRD, for his bad conduct, ought to be dismissed, the said Major BAIRD, of the One Hundred and Twenty-six New-York Volunteers, is by direction of the President, dismissed from the service of the United States.

3. The Commission having reported that Brigadier-General JAMES W. WHEAT, United States Volunteers, acted with decided capability and courage, and merits its approbation, and having found nothing in the conduct of the subordinate officers brought before the Commission, are released from arrest, and will report for duty.

4. The Military Commission, of which Major-General HENRY is President, is dissolved.

By order of the Secretary of War.

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant-General.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

GEN. McCLELLAN.

Gen. McClellan and half a dozen members of his staff, passed through the city this afternoon, connecting directly with the 5 o'clock train en route for Trenton. Gen. BURNSIDE went by the same train to New-York. At Warrenton Junction and other points on the road, the General bid an affectionate farewell to his troops, remarking on one occasion that it was hard for him to part. It is reported that a number of officers have tendered their resignations, but they will probably find themselves dishonorably dropped from the rolls.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO GEN. McCLELLAN.

It is understood that the President has furnished a copy of his letter to Gen. McClellan, and on which McClellan failed to act, to Gen. BURNSIDE, for the consideration and guidance of that officer. The President has also read this letter to various parties, and it will no doubt be given to the public. It is a document which will elevate Mr. Lincoln, in the esteem of all thoughtful men, and will show conclusively that he has not been content with the nominal position of Commander-in-Chief, but has studied the great principles underlying the conduct of military affairs.

NOT A PARALLEL CASE.

The statement in a contemporary, given as a justification for Gen. McClellan's slow movements, to the effect that Gen. Halleck had consumed a whole winter in the works which finally compelled BURNSIDE to evacuate the stronghold of Corinth, is inconsistent with facts. Not a National soldier was within two hundred miles of Corinth until toward the middle of March, and Halleck did not arrive there until the middle of April. Before the end of May the Union flag waved over the great rebel stronghold of the Southwest.

GEN. HALLECK TO VISIT THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Gen. HALLECK, it is said, will visit the Army of the Potomac on a tour of inspection, and to consult with Gen. BURNSIDE, to-morrow.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH.

Medical Director CHASE reports from Hilton Head, that in his judgment it would be extremely imprudent to subject unacclimated troops to the dangers of yellow fever in the Department of the South, until after a severe frost shall have purged the atmosphere. This strong opinion will probably cause some little delay in the sailing of Gen. HENRY's command.

PROMOTION OF GEN. AGUE.

Brig.-Gen. AGUE will be commissioned Major-General to-morrow, for gallant conduct during Pope's Virginia campaign, and especially for services in Cedar Mountain, where he was severely wounded. Gen. AGUE has proved a valuable officer, and he and Brig.-Gen. ANDERSON have been ordered to report to Gen. BURNSIDE.

IS COMMANDER OF BALTIMORE.

Gen. MONROE will be in command at Baltimore until Gen. SCHENCK is sufficiently recovered.

THE WASHINGTON FORTIFICATIONS.

The Committee on Fortifications have appointed Gens. CUMMINS and BARRETT, of the Engineers, and BARRETT, of the Artillery, a Sub-Committee for minutely inspecting and reporting upon the various works and lines of defense around this city. These officers have already examined twenty-six of our defensive

work. That instrument leaves its guardians no alternative. It imposes an oath, to break which is perjury before high Heaven. Thus does it constantly take security in advance for its own perpetuation. To oppose the war, then, is to oppose the Constitution which necessitates the war; and, in strict justice, should put the man who does it into the category of traitors.

The word peace does not belong to the day. It should be tabooed, and not uttered again until one of two occasions, either when the Government regains its power, or when it yields its life—either at its feet, or over its grave.

A CONFEDERATE PLANIPOETARY.—JOHN VAN BUREN assures the country, on his personal responsibility, that if President LINCOLN will grant the rebels an armistice, they will go home and elect Members to Congress; and thus save themselves from the operation of his Proclamation. This is an important suggestion. If it rests on good authority, it deserves attention.—nay, we do not hesitate to say, that the President ought at once to do what is asked at his hands.

Will not Mr. VAN BUREN then let the country understand on what authority he makes this important announcement? Has he not a letter from JEFFERSON DAVIS in his pocket—given to him as an autograph or souvenir—which gives him warrant for such a declaration? If so, let him produce it. The country, and Jeff. Davis, will both excuse any apparent breach of confidence which its publication might imply. The end will certainly justify such a trifling departure from etiquette. We presume that Mr. DAVIS, when he gave him the letter, did not request him not to publish it,—and as it relates to a public matter of vast importance, he would be perfectly justified in doing so.

We do not, to be sure, quite see the necessity of an armistice in order to enable the people of the South to vote. We voted here last week without an armistice, and Mr. VAN BUREN cannot complain of the result, whatever some of the rest of us may think about it. If the South are anxious to vote on the question, they will probably find some mode of doing it without a suspension of arms. Or if they want an armistice they will probably ask for it. When they do, we presume President LINCOLN will grant their request. But, unless Mr. VAN BUREN can show some credentials which give authority to the suggestion he has made, we fear the President will not feel at liberty to grant the armistice for which he applies.

McCLELLAN and BURNSIDE.—Gen. McCLELLAN's brief farewell address to the Army of the Potomac is an exceedingly neat and effective, and thoroughly loyal and soldierly document. His address of over a year ago, on assuming the command he has now laid down, will be remembered as possessed of the same characteristics, though it was somewhat more enthusiastic in tone, and promised quick and decisive results, for which the people have waited long and patiently. The reports, bulletins, and dispatches with which he has favored the public during the period of his command have been very few and very brief; and were it not for the correspondents of the Press, the country and the world would have known very little of the battles and campaigns he has fought and planned. But of this touching adieu, every line does him honor.

Gen. BURNSIDE's address on assuming command, which we gave yesterday, is also characterized by its brevity and soldierly character. The new commander makes no specific promises. Patriotism, energy and the Divine blessing will, he believes, insure success, and he closes with the "steadfast assurance that the just cause must prevail." Though BURNSIDE promises and predicts nothing, however, we trust he will give us quick and decisive results.

The old General and the new each speak in a friendly and loyal manner of the other. Gen. BURNSIDE, in his address, says that he is "fully identified with the soldiers in their feelings of respect and esteem for Gen. McCLELLAN, entertained through a long and most friendly association with him." And Gen. McCLELLAN, in the few words he addressed verbally to the troops, at Warrenton Junction, yesterday, said: "I wish you to stand by BURNSIDE, as you have stood by me, and all will be well." The spirit of these two loyal officers is the spirit we desire to see exhibited by all admirers of both the old commander and the new.

GHOSTLY LAUGHTER.—If wit is the "conjunction of opposite ideas," then certainly the brightest scintillations of wit which fell from the lips of JOHN VAN BUREN, professed wit as he is, at the meeting of the Young Men's Democratic Union Association on Monday evening, must pale and grow dim before the brightness of that flash which broke from the lips of the individual, who in the midst of JOHN's remarks about Honest AZARIAH FLAGG, &c., flashed forth the ejaculation "Honest FERNANDO WOOD!" The audience were not slow to perceive the point of the remark, and "great laughter" broke out all over the room. The ideas were felt to be not only opposite but incompatible.

But what a commentary upon the audience that they had heard with great applause, and had made prominent among themselves the very man whose name could not be coupled with the term "honest" without provoking "great laughter" from a favoring audience. It was a laughable, and at the same time a most melancholy spectacle, when we consider that the character of those whom a people or a party delights to honor, is a sure guide to the character of the people or the party itself.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

An Arrival from the Gulf Ports.

The mail steamer *Rhode Island* arrived from the Gulf to-day, and reports "all quiet" in New-Orleans, Houston and Mobile. She brings a large mail, but no news.

The *Monitor* came up Hampton Roads to-day at noon.

ment can make war at all for the preservation of its integrity, it must hold the life, liberty and property of its enemies subject to the chances and necessities of war. And it has precisely the same right to confiscate and liberate the slaves of rebels, as a means of prosecuting the war and making it effective, which it has to seize their property or imprison their persons.

But it is urged that this measure tends to incite insurrection among the slaves, and thus to involve the innocent in destruction. Whose duty is it to protect them against such calamities? Whose duty is it to keep the slaves in subjection and to guard the women and children of the slave plantations against their violence? Clearly that of the slave-owners themselves. If they are unable to do this, and call on the General Government, through their State authorities, to aid them in it, it is the duty of that Government to give them that aid,—but only when they acknowledge its authority, and on the basis of that acknowledgment claim its protection. But there is no pretence here that they are unable to prevent or suppress insurrections. They have their whole population under arms. They can turn the whole power of their armies against their slaves at an hour's notice, and thus render revolt impossible. Why do they not do this? Because they want to employ their troops against us! And they expect us to keep or leave their slaves in subjection, so that they may be free to do so!

We must not touch their slaves, lest we should thus put them under the necessity of using their troops elsewhere than against us. That seems to us an absolutely conclusive argument on the other side.

With the exception of a very few Abolitionists, nobody at the North was ever in favor of waging war upon the South for the purpose of freeing its slaves. The great body of the Republicans, as of every other party at the North, would to-day oppose a war waged for such a purpose. President LINCOLN would be the last man living to commence such a war, or give it his support. The war is waged now, as it has been from the beginning, to crush the rebellion and restore the Union and the supremacy of the Constitution. This is its sole and exclusive object. But against the attainment of that object, Slavery proves to be a formidable and, apparently, a fatal obstacle. It is felt and seen to be the main strength of the rebellion. It is the basis on which it rests. Instead of being, as we had supposed it would be, an element of weakness to the South in war, it supplies them with food, with labor, with all the home comforts they require, and thus tends to the field the whole fighting population of the Southern States. There is no law of Nations, of the Constitution, or of common sense, which requires or permits us to leave so powerful a weapon in the hands of our enemies, untouched. It is our duty, if we seek success, to wrest it from their hands, or to paralyze it in their grasp.

Democratic orators and journalists are speculating largely on the probability that President LINCOLN will revoke this proclamation, or fail to fulfill the menace which it involves. Why they should desire him to do so they have not yet made clear. If they regard Slavery as of more value than the Union—if they prefer that the Government should perish rather than Slavery be disturbed—their action is natural and easily understood. But they have hitherto always disclaimed such a preference. They profess a desire to see the war prosecuted with vigor, and the rebellion crushed. If they are sincere in these professions, they cannot object to emancipation as a legitimate weapon for the accomplishment of these ends.

AN UN-SENATORIAL PROCEEDING.—We learn, with great surprise, by telegraph from Albany, that "Senator HARRIS, in an address to the law students at the Albany Law School, said he was grieved and indignant at the removal of Gen. McCLELLAN, regarding it as a fatal mistake, and that he had written a letter to Gen. McCLELLAN stating his opinion."

Senator HARRIS, like every other citizen, has an undoubted right to entertain and express his opinions concerning this, or any other act of the Government. But as a matter of taste and propriety he would have done much better, in our judgment, to have abstained from any such denunciation. His opinions as a Senator will carry a certain weight over and above their intrinsic value; and in this instance that weight will go toward creating disaffection in the army, and a partisan hostility among the people toward the Government, which will retard rather than aid the vigorous and successful prosecution of the war.

We do not know how far the military acts of the Administration enter as necessary topics of discussion into the lectures which Senator HARRIS delivers to the pupils of the Albany Law School. But we fail to see how any good can result, either to them or the country, from such untimely and unwarranted censures.

SPIRIT OF OUR ARMY.—Our correspondents with the army, who write since the removal of Gen. McCLELLAN, do not mention any indications of that mutinous spirit which some who knew nothing about the army feared might ensue upon the displacement of a commander whom the soldiers honored and loved. On the contrary, several letters which we publish this morning, from correspondents with different corps of the Army of the Potomac, expressly state that the army is well satisfied with the change, and that the soldiers in general are delighted at the prospect of more active and effective work under Gen. BURNSIDE.

Unquestionably, the Army of the Potomac liked Gen. McCLELLAN. Pity it would have been if they had not. He was always attentive to the wants of his men, considerate of their comfort, anxious to redress their grievances, and courteous in his intercourse with all of them. He strove to win their good will, and succeeded. But our soldiers, after all, are very impatient of inactivity and de-

them was great excitement in that city on Sunday morning, Nov. 7, caused by a large number of soldiers from some stores, drinking whiskey, and afterward robbing there of such articles as they could carry off, and destroying property promiscuously. The Provost Guard was unable to do anything with them; so a regiment was ordered out, and the interested neighborhood was surrounded with the men. Some two hundred were captured, and marched off to headquarters for trial.

The sloop-of-war *Panther* arrived at the Philadelphia Navy-yard from Port Royal on Monday. On Monday afternoon the remains of the late Commodore GARRETT J. PENNOKROST were interred from his late residence, southwest corner of Twelfth and Walnut streets, Philadelphia. The funeral was attended by officers of the navy and a company of marines. The remains, encased in a handsome coffin draped with the American flag, were borne to St. Stephen's Church, followed by a large concourse. Commander RAMMEL, Major ZETZEL and Capt. ADAMS, ISOLS and ROLAN, acted as pall-bearers. After funeral services, conducted by Rev. Dr. DUCACHET, the body was deposited in the catacomb attached to the church.

At a General Term of the Supreme Court the case of *LOWENKROST*, convicted of murder in the Sessions, was argued on appeal, counsel for the prisoner contending that under the Act of 1830 there was no penalty at all for the crime. Decision was reserved. The larger bench cases were also argued. At Chambers of the Supreme Court, before Justice BARRETT, motion was made to dissolve an injunction obtained to restrain the Police from watching an alleged mock-auction room at No. 153 Broadway. Pending the argument, the matter was adjourned until to-day.

The Stock and Money Markets were partially closed, yesterday, by the temporary loan of \$10,000,000 to the Treasury of the United States, for the object of paying off arrears to the army, in anticipation of the sale of \$13,420,350 of 7-30 cent. Treasury Bonds, advertised to be awarded on Monday next. Gold fell off to 120 1/2 @ 131 1/2 cent. Exchange, 145 @ 145 1/2.

Breadstuffs were less active yesterday, and in view of the decline in the price of Gold, Flour and Corn closed at slightly reduced rates. Sugar and Wheat was quoted less buoyant. Cotton, Beans and Pork were more active and were dearer. Coffee was less freely dealt in. A fair inquiry prevailed for Hay, Hops, Hides, Leather, Molasses, Flour, Sugar, Pigment Oil, Tallow, Wool and Whisky. Beef was quiet, as were also Hemp, Rice, Spices and Whalebone. Lard was depressed. Butter and Cheese were actively sought after. The freight engagements were less extensive.

The Live Stock markets, taking numbers for the criterion, have never before been so well supplied with animals—the total of all kinds sent here for slaughter, during the past week, reaching over 50,000. The heretofore unprecedented receipts of 40,663 live hogs, contribute largely to the result. With the single exception of beef cattle, on which there is a very slight decline, former prices are more or less maintained, and the stock is well disposed of. Future prospects are cheering to owners and dealers in live animals, and there is unusual activity in this branch of trade. Beavers count 5,330 head, which is 237 less than last week. Of these, 4,735 were offered at Forty-fourth-street on Monday and Tuesday, and nearly all were sold. The majority were of inferior quality, gathered from New-York State and New-England, and were mostly of the "hog" type. Some of the best of the season were of the "hog" type, but that price would have been paid for prime corned beef, and dressed weight, the average being 7 1/2 lbs. Sheep and lambs are in good request, at higher rates, though receipts have been large. They are nearly all sold out, each day, prime fat sheep at prices equivalent to 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2, and 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2, for lambs. — Live hogs have tested the capacity of the yards, this week, but with an active demand, which took away many droves almost as soon as unloaded, the accommodations proved ample. Packers are working with a will, and notwithstanding the enormous receipts, prices have advanced 1/2 cent, prime corned hogs bringing 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2.

The President's Proclamation.

We find it utterly impossible to account, on any just principles, for the hostility evinced in Democratic quarters to the President's Proclamation menacing the rebels with emancipation of their slaves unless they return to their allegiance. It is a purely military proceeding—aiming at the overthrow of the rebellion and the restoration of the Union. If its object were the abolition of Slavery, it would have decreed that abolition, as it might have done under the law of Congress, at once, and as a penalty for past offences. But it does nothing of the sort. It merely gives the rebels notice that, if they persist in rebellion beyond a certain time, their slaves shall be set free. It is precisely such a notice as is sent to a besieged town—that unless they surrender by a fixed date their town will be bombarded.

Not a single slave has yet been set free by this Proclamation. The rebels have it in their power to prevent the liberation of a single slave under its provisions—and that, too, without doing anything but what it is their duty to do under any circumstances. They claim—or their Northern sympathizers claim for them—the guarantees of the Constitution. Let them return to its shelter and they will have the full benefit of them. They have repudiated its obligations,—why should they be entitled to its protection? The moment they acknowledge its authority they will receive all the protection which that authority carries with it. The fate of Slavery is thus exclusively in their own hands. If they seek its abolition, they can secure it. If they desire its preservation, they can secure that.

But it is claimed that they ought not to be thus compelled to choose between Slavery and Secession, but that they should be allowed to enjoy both—that the National Government should protect the former for them while they are waging war upon it to secure the latter. The mere statement of the claim proves its absurdity. No community can have War and Peace at the same time. If they choose to wage war they must surrender for the time the blessings and securities of peace. We of the North are compelled to make a similar choice. We surrender the lives of our

which, and suggested alterations and additions, but on the whole are well adapted with the work as originally planned.

THE CHARGES AGAINST GEN. PORTER.
The charges against Gen. John Porter, for misconduct at Bull Run, cannot be investigated until the arrival here of Gen. Porter.

THE CONDEMNED INDIANS.
A dispatch received last night from Gen. Porter, giving the names of three hundred Indians condemned to be hung, and requesting an approval of the court-martial sentence. It was replied to by the President, that only the ring-leaders shall be executed, and asking for a copy of the evidence.

TROOPS REPORTED FOR DUTY.
Since the commencement of the rebellion nearly 400,000 troops have reported themselves for duty in this city. These figures do not include the three months' men.

SMUGGLING GOODS ACROSS THE LINES.
William D. Stross, a Baltimorean, was caught this morning in the act of conveying a quantity of goods South. He refused to take the oath of allegiance. Maj. Dross furnished him with lodging in the Old Capitol Prison, where he will have an opportunity to reflect upon the risks and uncertainties of the smuggling trade.

PRISONERS SENT IN.
The following prisoners were sent in to-day, by Col. Roanoke, Provost-Marshal of the Eleventh Army Corps, and committed to the usual receptacle for rebel prisoners—the Old Capitol Prison:

Charles E. Cogan, Seventeenth Virginia. Wm. E. Davis, do. Frederick E. Eppard, do. John N. Brady, do. Thos. S. Palmer, First Virginia Cavalry. J. F. Hand, do. Jas. W. Riley and L. D. Hall, Col. Richardson's Virginia Cavalry Regiment.

A man named H. W. Skinner, an agent of the rebel Government, who was captured near Warrenton, was also sent in with his wife. Skinner is a Louisiana, and was in some way or another connected with the care of troops from that State.

ARRIVAL OF MORE PRISONERS.
Another batch of rebel prisoners of war was sent in this evening from Gen. Sickles' headquarters, near Manassas. Their names are as follows:

William H. Daniels, Alexander D. Smith, John L. French, Isaac Kirsch, Thirtieth Virginia Cavalry. Wm. C. Jones, Twenty-first Georgia. Corp. S. M. Truett, Sixteenth North Carolina. Capt. A. F. Hawbright, Thirty-eighth North Carolina. Sergt. Major G. S. Tassell, Seventh Virginia. H. L. Cook, Merritt's Cavalry. Twenty-first Georgia. David Moore, Eighteenth North Carolina. John T. Green, Sixteenth Virginia. J. H. Smith, Twelfth South Carolina. J. M. Rinald, C. J. Woody, Sixteenth North Carolina. J. R. Morrow, J. W. Sheehan, Thirty-fourth North Carolina. J. F. Lanning, Thirty-eighth North Carolina. J. D. Etheridge, Fifty-first Georgia. George Fairlight, Thirty-fourth North Carolina.

The following prisoners of State were also sent in: Barrett Payne, Zeph. Wells, Olmstead Crossin, Pittman Crossin, Wesley Crossin, John T. Green, Duncan Spilite, John S. Richter, M. V. Richtie, Jas. W. Wilkins, and John H. Butler.

They were all sent to the Old Capitol Prison.

RETURNING TO THEIR ALLEGIANCE.
John E. Luckett and Barton Robt were arrested near Alexandria, yesterday morning, while trying to make their way through our lines into Alexandria. They confessed to having formerly belonged to a rebel regiment, raised in the latter place, but professed to be tired of the war, and anxious to take the oath of allegiance. They were brought before Major Dross, who committed them to the Old Capitol, until their escape can be investigated.

A DRENKIN SURGON.
Dr. Moray, a Surgeon in the volunteer service, was arrested to-day, by order of Gen. Wadsworth, and sent to the Old Capitol Prison, for being found lying drunk in the streets.

ARRIVALS.
Hon. Edwin Hagart and Rev. Dr. Tins, of New-York, arrived here to-day.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 11.
NO DIVISIONS IN THE CABINET.

The Agent of the Associated Press is authorized by the Secretary of State and Secretary of the Treasury to say that the reports of Cabinet divisions upon the measures of the Administration, which have gained currency, are altogether groundless.

THE TAX ON ADVERTISEMENTS.
The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided, in regard to the tax on advertisements, that the last proviso of section 8 of the Excise law exempts a newspaper whose circulation does not exceed two thousand copies, from all taxes on advertisements, and the last proviso but one of the same section exempts the receipts for advertisements to the amount of \$1,000; consequently they will be assessed only on the excess over the \$1,000, and then only when their whole circulation exceeds two thousand copies.

NAVAL ORDERS.
Acting Volunteer Lieut. Eaton has been ordered to the Circassian, Acting Asst. Paymaster C. G. Hirschorn to the steamer Commodore Morris, and Acting Volunteer Surgeon Lowery to the Brandenburg.

Notes on Chronic Diseases.
BY DR. A. WOLF, No. 32 Broadway, New-York.
No. 4—EPILEPSY.

As I promised in a last, my present communication will be devoted to a description of a malady that too often comes in a country, and known as Epilepsy, or Falling Sickness.

This is a peculiar form of Convulsive Disease, returning at uncertain and irregular intervals. There is loss of sense and voluntary motion, and the attacks come on suddenly and unexpectedly, sometimes without any premonitory symptoms, although, on the other hand, they are often preceded by some nervous twitching or other peculiar sensation. During the duration of the paroxysm, in which the convulsions of the system are often fearful to behold, there is loss of consciousness, and the patient is unconscious of all that is going on around him.

The patient often falls into a profound sleep. Epilepsy usually attacks persons of adult age, and rarely attacks children. Any constitutional irritation, or great temporary excitement, may induce Epilepsy. Disease of the brain and its coverings may give rise to it, and when once instituted, the fits may be expected to recur with more or less frequency.

Many and serious are the mistakes which are daily committed by physicians in general practice in overlooking Epilepsy, or in mistaking it for some other disease. Such errors can be avoided by one who embraces in his specialty for chronic diseases, which I have been doing and endeavoring to do, my method of cure is simple, and scientifically based on the soundest principles of modern medicine, and the results satisfy me to be the most speedy and certain at present known to our profession.

Notes on Dyspepsia will be given in my next.

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Mr. Bayard, the Artist, will Read a Paper on the Sea of Galilee, TO-MORROW NIGHT, at the Rooms of the Historical Society, by invitation of the Historical Society. Large oil painting of the sea as it appeared anciently, will be used in illustration.

Morton's Gold Pens.—Prices to suit the pocket and pen to suit the hand of every writer at No. 25 Maiden-lane, and for increase stamp for circular, with engravings of all sizes and styles.

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The Yellow Fever Raging in the City.

Three Rebel Rams Ready for Service.

THE NASHVILLE IN STONO INLET.

An Iron-Plated Steamer Runs the Blockade.

Boston, Wednesday, Nov. 12.

The correspondent of the Boston Journal writes from on board the United States steamer *South Carolina*, off Charleston, under date of Oct. 18, as follows:

"The British frigate *Racer*, by permission of Flag-officer Gaxax, entered Charleston harbor, and took away, as a passenger, the British Consul.

The Consul says that the rebels have just launched a powerful ram, and that two more are all ready for plating with iron, which they expect every day to arrive from England in an iron-plated steamer.

He also reports the rebel steamer *Nashville* lying at the mouth of Stono Inlet, six miles from Charleston, watching for a chance to run out.

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THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

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FROM WARRENTON.

Gen. McClellan's Removal—The Feeling in the Army—No Resignations and no Mutiny—No Fall Campaign Intended by Gen. McClellan—Gen. Burnside's Feelings.

WARRENTON, Va., Monday, Nov. 10, 1862.

Having been many miles in the advance, and far away from all sources of intelligence, when the order removing Gen. McClellan from the command of the Army of the Potomac, and assigning Gen. Burnside to his place, was issued, I arrived here at headquarters a little after noon, and, by consequence, give you only the second impressions produced by this important military measure. But though the storm subsides, the ocean will work a long while, and this great army still rocks and rolls under the tumult of conflicting feeling caused by the event. You may, however, now make yourselves sure of one thing: all its effect will be purely of the nature of feeling. It will diminish the army of the Potomac by only one man and his personal staff—there will be no resignations on account of the removal of Gen. McClellan. Already that acquiescence which follows an accomplished fact, is rapidly merging the old order in the new. It is a different spirit from, "The King is dead—long live the King"—a foolish phrase which had been repeated by some with a savor and an ill-considered animus. It is that same prompt, intelligent, self-sacrificing obedience to the will of the constituted authority, that has already been our salvation in many a dark and trying hour.

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War. Although we are politically opposed to the Monroe Doctrine, we insist that he shall be treated with courtesy due to his position and to the dignity of the American people.

While I thus admonished our people, we were also in the duties of obedience at the same time I was about the administration of the Government. I was in those in power. I repeat his solemn warning:

It is important, likewise, that the public mind be educated by its authorities—those who have been entrusted with its administration—to guard against their respective constitutional powers, so as not to exceed the limits of their authority, and to refrain from encroachment upon the powers of one department before another; and thus to create no pretext for the exercise or maintenance of the powers of all the departments under a single despotic hand, and the consequent destruction of the Republic.

Let not our countrymen, let not the world misapprehend the meaning of our triumph. It is the testimony of a political revolution that will again place power in the hands of the people, and will enable them to be able to defeat the enemies of peace, of the Union, of the Constitution. This triumph reminds the people of the South, that the men of the South, who feared that they were unsafe within its limits, that the Congress were not safe, that the State Legislatures were not safe, that the judges and meddling distillers, without the help of a single vote from a Southern State, the danger was not only to the Union, but to the Constitution, which justifies resistance to the agitation, the usurpation, or to rightful authority, has been cemented. Our countrymen have shown the strength of the Union, and to give a conditional obedience to the Constitution.

The President of the United States has been instructed to exercise the full measure of his rightful authority to support the dignity of his office, to restrain other departments from any such interference, and then, too, he has been admonished not to know his rightful jurisdiction. He will receive from us that which he has a right to expect, but not from us that he has no right to expect. His exclusivism to be his peculiar supporters—a cheerful, unconditional obedience to his rightful demands, without the least reservation, and in the face of annual elections, we shall again sit in judgment on that policy, and condemn or approve it in the mode most conducive to the good of the country. We shall be saved from those liti gues which have hindered the successful progress of the war.

Only we will not let our own vain victories in the vicinity of our capital, as they have been before

won them in other fields of action. The National credit will be strengthened by greater economy and honesty in the conduct of affairs. It will also be strengthened, because we propose an object far less than that can be attained—the restoration of war to the Union. The revolution, will be abandoned. We can now take that we are to be saved from the disgrace of National bankruptcy, and the loss of the all-glorious honor and demoralization of National repudiation to the people.

To restore our country to its former condition we are ready to make every sacrifice, not only of men and money, but also of passion and pride, for we will not permit the people to be deceived, nor will we sacrifice the blood and toil of our fellow-citizens in the field of martial conflict."

OFF THE GEORGIA COAST.

The Shrewdness of Contrabands—A Commotion on St. Catherine's Island—The Noddy

will.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

U. S. STEAMER MADRID, St. Simon, S. W. I., (Ga.),
Friday, Oct. 21, 1862.

An incident took place on our station a few days ago, which, though unimportant in its results, shows the shrewdness and pluck of some of our contraband soldiers. It seems that one of the darkeys on St. Simon's Island, who has been very successful in running off his family and friends from the main land, while on one of his expeditions, learned that a Mr. Thomson, a prominent man of Liberty County, and Captain of a picket guard, had his headquarters at a certain house in Darien, so he took fifteen men, and piloted them up the Altamaha River, and landed

They proceeded to the house pointed out, and a man answering to THOMPSON'S description appearing at the door, they seized him, and hurried him on board the boat, but found, after having gone some distance from the town, that they had not THOMPSON, but a New-Bedford man, Ours Pansoy by name. He declares that he is a wife and family North, but refuses to take the oath of allegiance for that reason he is kept in confinement, and is to be sent North.

There was quite a commotion on St. Catherine's island, near which was then our station, last week, on account of a rebel issued among the carkies. An overseer of Mr. WALDRON, who owns the island,

came over in the night for the purpose of securing some of his valuable hands, whom he supposed had escaped from the mainland to their former home on the island. After shooting two, and wounding another who tried to escape, they captured four of the most likely ones, and left the Government. Would allow a sufficient number of troops here, we might have surrounded these bold rebels, but, with the force at our disposal, we could not operate successfully ashore, and still protect our vessel in a proper manner.

On the island, St. Vincent there are about 400 fugitives, with constant additions from the mainland, and are governed by an army of 20 men, whose headquarters are at the mansion of T. BRUCE, KING. The

I have said, thus far, but little about our own vessel, for the reason that there is very little to say, except that our engine and boiler are in a very bad state, and our engineers want to go to Port Royal or home for repairs, but our pumps are in a better condition than at present. I feel that the war has not been so glorious as that of the vessels at New Orleans and elsewhere, we have probably done as much good in our line of duty as they could have done, though the prizes have been almost as scarce as hen's teeth or angels' visits

This is the same battery which was engaged by the Paul Jones, Hurpat, Unadilla and Madgie, some time since, though without any decided result as far as we could tell. Why Admiral DuRoi sent does not send a sufficient force to reduce it, we do not know, as by that means we could sever an important link in the rebel transportation. There are numerous batteries of mud and of iron along these rivers and some of considerable defence.

which might have made quite a difference. But the rebels saw that the Port of Spain was taken, and from that point the guns were removed. I must direct your attention to the extreme rarity of promotions from the "mascante in the navy, to say nothing of the officers, especially in the volunteer service. There is about one chance of promotion for a man in the navy to one hundred in the army, which I think will account for those New-England fishermen, who have been called on so loudly to rally for the navy, having gone into the army instead.

E. P. B

—Mr. R. R. Dumars, late editor of the *Elmira Press*, has sold out his interest in that establishment, and entered the army as Captain of a company of

—A Mr. S. Huey, a music teacher in Brownhelm, Ohio, shot his son fatally on Nov. 5. It is not known whether he did it intentionally or accidentally.

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occasionally employed in taking soundings along the coast. Among other incidents of recent occurrence, it is stated that a boat's crew from one of the United States vessels blockading Charleston came very near being captured by the rebels. The men, numbering twenty-four, were in the harbor taking soundings, as usual, and getting further in than prudence would warrant, a rebel steamer suddenly made her appearance, steaming directly for the boat, the occupants of which, perceiving their danger, immediately plied their oars with the utmost vigor. After an exciting chase of a couple of miles, the boat's crew reached their ship in safety.

Some days since we published among our extracts from rebel papers the story of a National defeat, near Nashville, Tenn., in which it was stated that Col. STOKES, of a Tennessee regiment, had been killed. Col. DISSAULT was given the credit of the victory. The Nashville Union, of Oct. 26, says: "All this ridiculous stuff is about a skirmish in which the aforesaid DISSAULT and his command fled from their camp and across the river with as much precipitation and trepidation as if BULL'S whole army had been after them. It was a most cowardly skedaddle on the part of DISSAULT."

An armed boat's crew from the gunboat Hercules, on the 3d inst., in Chesapeake Bay, captured on the Virginia coast a boat containing three persons, one of whom proved to be Major RICH SANDERS, a regular officer in the rebel army, and son of GEORGE N. SANDERS, the other two being English sailors, who had landed from a vessel from Halifax about ten days previous, accompanying a prominent rebel with dispatches to the rebel Government. At the time of this capture they were expecting a vessel to convey Major SANDERS to Europe.

The rejoinder of Gen. SCOTT to Ex-President BOGGS, which we publish this morning, will be read with the interest which attaches to everything written by the honored hero.

GENERAL NEWS.

By the arrival at this port of the steamship City of Baltimore, and the Nova Scotia off Cape Race, we have advices from Europe four days later, to the 31st ult. The news is interesting and important. The pirate Alabama was known to have destroyed the bark Waco Crest, from New-York for Cardiff. Lord Lyons' departure for his post, and the proceedings of Commodore WILKES at Bermuda, are coupled by the London Globe in some comments on British relations with the United States, which are not, in the opinion of that semi-official journal, at all likely to become unfriendly. Mr. GLASSBORO'S rash prophecy has brought out many counter declarations of sympathy with the North, which, it is noticeable, have everywhere been favorably received. There are many signs of a reaction in the English mind. Speaking of the proceedings of Com. WILKES at Bermuda, the Times thinks the Federals justified in a vigorous prosecution of the right of search, where contraband traffic is so brisk. The report of the abdication and flight of King ORNO, of Greece, is fully confirmed. Cotton had taken a decided tumble in the Liverpool market—2d. @ 3d. American, and 1d. for Surats. The stock in port is estimated at 312,300 bales, of which 18,000 are American. Breadstuffs were steady, and provisions flat. Consols 93 @ 93 1/2 for money.

The steamship New-York, from Southampton on the 29th ult., also arrived at this port last night. By a letter to Hon. Wm. D. SEWALL, of Bath, written on board the steamship City of Washington, off Cape Race, Oct. 21, it appears that the ship, on her homeward voyage, "met" the steamer on the outward bound ship, and that if the captain had then telegraphed the fact to our Government, a swift war-vessel might have reached the locality in season to have prevented some of the havoc made by the pirate, if not to have captured her.

The Supervisors, as County Canvassers, met again at noon yesterday, spent an hour in canvassing the returns from the Fifteenth Ward, which were found to be correct, and then adjourned till noon to-day, when a long session, probably, will be held. The vote on the election of the Third and Fourth wards, kept by one JAMES KINNEY. During the affair DOLAN was stabbed in a most horrible manner, in the head and abdomen, from which wounds it is believed he cannot recover. KINNEY, the proprietor, was arrested upon suspicion of having been guilty of the offence.

A sale of prize vessels took place on Tuesday, at Calowhill-street wharf, Philadelphia. Mr. Cook, auctioneer, the bark Fannie Laurie, captured by the gunboat Shepherd Knapp, was first put up, and was sold for \$2,500, J. E. BRASLEY being the purchaser. The schooner Nelly, captured by the steamer Alabama, was knocked down to HIRAM FORD for \$330; the schooner Defiance, captured by the bark Brocton, was sold to C. B. WILLIAMS for \$550, and the schooner Louisa, captured by the steamer Thetis, was sold to PHILIP FITZPATRICK for \$775. All the vessels except the Nelly sold at prices above their appraised value. The attendance was large, and the bidding was spirited.

On the 16th of August last, BERNEL ROBERT, of Urbana, Ohio, was arrested and confined in the County Jail by A. A. S. United States Marshal, under charge of being a member of the Golden Circle, and of using his influence to discourage enlistments. Last week a motion was made in the United States Court at Cincinnati, by the prisoner's counsel, for a writ of habeas corpus, claiming that the Marshal was wronged in Washington to know if he should obey the writ if issued, and what his action should be in case application should be made to a State Court. He received answer that he should send the prisoner to Camp Chase, and resist all attempts to take him either by writ of habeas corpus, or otherwise. In accordance with this order the prisoner was sent to Camp Chase. Soon after, the United States Court, Judge SWAYNE, refused to grant the writ of habeas corpus.

Out of sixteen hundred men who should have reported at Camp Curtin as drafted men from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, it is found that only one hundred and fifty reported to form a regiment. This has caused great consternation among those who had furnished substitutes, as many, if not all, of these substitutes have failed to report.

SALOMON CORNSTAMM and Geo. B. TRACY, commission brokers, were yesterday arrested by orders from Washington, charged with perpetrating frauds upon the Treasury in the matter of Government claims. They were committed to Fort Lafayette.

Mr. Gov. ISHAM G. HARRIS issued an order at Murfreesboro', Tenn., on the 28th ult., appointing officers to enroll all persons in the respective districts over 35 and under 45 years of age, and to forward separate lists, together with duplicate lists over 18 and under 35, to the Adjutant-General of the State.

Four companies of the Second Regiment of the District of Columbia Volunteers are supposed to have fallen into the hands of the rebels. They were detailed to escort 3,000 convalescents to Harper's Ferry, and on their return crossed the river at Berlin to meet a cavalry escort. It failed to do so at the appointed rendezvous, and as nothing has since been heard of the four companies mentioned, it is supposed they have been captured.

In the Court of Sessions yesterday, before Judge MCCUN, PATRICK McWHINNEY pleaded guilty to assault and battery, and RAYMOND KOWA was convicted of an attempt to rob HARNACK'S Express.

The market for Money was 1 1/2 cent higher yesterday, owing to the sudden demand on the Treasury. The Stock Market left off heavy and at lower prices. Gold, 132; Exchange, 146; 100 days United States Custom Notes, 126 1/2.

Breadstuffs were pretty active yesterday, but reduced prices. Cotton was in more request at advanced figures. Groceries were less freely dealt in. Pork was in lively demand, and was dearer. Beef was quiet, and Lard heavy. A fair inquiry prevailed for Hay, Hops, Oils, Whisky, Fish, Wool, Hides, and Leather. Heavier freight engagements were reported, but at lower rates.

The Duty of the War.

The excellent spirit with which Gen. McCLELLAN has given his hand to his successor, and parted from his army, should be imitated by his admirers, and by all loyal men. It is clear that the purpose of the President, in making the change, has been to remedy, if possible, the slow progress of the war, in response to the dissatisfaction which has been so emphatically expressed at the polls. The people have rightly chosen to hold the President responsible for the delays rather than his Generals. They look to the Commander-in-Chief, even though he is a civilian, for the right management of the war. The President overcomes his natural indisposition to interfere, and comes promptly up to the full work of his constitutional responsibility. All the movements indicate that it is fully decided that nothing shall prevent the utmost possible activity in military operations through the coming Winter months. We are, in all probability, entering the decisive stage of the war. It would be too much to hope that it will not have its varying fortunes. The uncertainty of arms has always been proverbial. But there are the best grounds for believing that the triumph will be with us. This much at least seems certain, that the Government means to put forth its utmost available strength, and that it will be no fault on its part if the rebellion is not writhing in its death-struggles before the Spring equinox. The President, in assuming the responsibilities and committing himself so unreservedly as he does to all the risks of this great work, but meets the call of the people, and he has a right to their staunchest moral support.

A truce, then, for the time, to all further wrangling about measures or men. Let the spirit of the recent political canvass, so far as it tended to generate bitterness and discord between really loyal people, die out and be forgotten. Disloyalty will soon be ashamed of its own weakness, and be glad enough to hold its peace. Let this final stage of the struggle—for such we verily believe it to be—be marked with something of the same high-souled devotion which so signalized and illuminated the opening scenes. Let the President again have the same magnanimous estimation and sympathy which did so much to nerve and inspire him then. Without these it is hardly possible that he should carry on this new endeavor with fitting hope and vigor. Men toil with fettered hands, with benumbed limbs, with languid energies, with impaired and weakened wills, with sinking instead of soaring aspirations, when they feel themselves surrounded by bitter enemies and grumbling friends—by foes, rivals and cold spectators, strict to mark every slip, eager to punish every error, ready to hoot at every failure; prompt to believe in every fault, and to give credit for no good; putting the worst construction upon every act, and receiving the worst rumor with the readiest ear; blaming everything they see done, and believing that nothing is done which they don't see. The people that wishes to be well served, and nobly governed, and courageously led on, must be generous and just, as well as stern; must be as zealous to reward as it is ardent to expect full and righteous service; must spare its leaders the most paralyzing of all influences—the conviction that they are serving a master suspicious, inequitable, backbiting, ever looking backward, ever prophesying failure, and utterly impossible to please. Value our favorite men or our favorite measures as we may, we must not forget that of all things which can buoy a country in great emergencies, and brace its guiding hand, that which is most indispensable is public spirit. It is not sufficient that the Government should be faithful to the people. The Government and the people must be mutually faithful to each other.

There are uneasy politicians who estimate every public event by its bearings upon the next Presidential election, and who are already laboring to make interest for this or that favorite candidate. Nothing could be more puerile. It is impossible for any mortal man to divine what will be the situation of the country, or the temper of the people, two years hence. This has all to be determined by developments and issues which still lie in the unknown future. As there could be no more absurd and suicidal public policy than to settle at the present time upon the next President, so there can be no greater mistake in friendship than now to associate any favorite name with a candidacy for the position. There could not possibly be a surer way of blasting any man's prospects. The present situation is too grave for any such impertinence to be tolerated. It is our present business to support the President we have, and with our entire energies. Upon our fidelity in that regard, will in great measure depend whether we are to have, not this or that President hereafter, but any President whatever. It is certain that President LINCOLN has resolved to risk everything upon the most vigorous prosecution of the war possible. If he fails, this war fails, and the Union perishes. He cannot but fail, if the public heart turns against him.

THE NEWSPAPER BUSINESS.—We have loud complaints from every quarter of the country of the increased cost of making newspapers. Printing paper of all kinds has risen fifty per cent. within the last three months, while the cost on paper, ink, advertisements and everything else connected with the business, still further aggravates the difficulty. The rise in paper, moreover, is still going on, and as it is due to the lack of cotton, it is not easy to see when it will stop. Under these circumstances publishers all over the country are raising the price of their papers, or raising their charges for advertising, or both, in order to meet this increased cost of production.

In this City, where the circulation of daily papers is much larger than elsewhere, the pressure is felt with corresponding severity. The expenses of newspapers in every department had been already greatly enhanced by the war. For correspondence, for exam-

ple, our own expenses have been increased over \$25,000; for telegraphic intelligence, \$30,000; and so in other departments. Now, in addition to all this, comes the increased cost of paper, the war taxes, &c., adding over \$1,500 a week, or \$75,000 a year, to our expenses of last Summer. Other New-York journals suffer from the same causes, just in proportion to the extent of their circulation.

What effect this will have upon the business remains to be seen. In this City the daily newspapers have always been furnished to readers below cost,—the difference being made up from the proceeds of advertisements. Probably the publishers will prefer to meet the present emergency, so far as any change is necessary, by increasing their rates of advertising rather than departing from what has come to be the standard price of their sheets—two cents each. This throws, perhaps, upon the advertising public a burden which, in strict justice, newspaper readers ought to share with them,—but advertisers have so long borne more than their fair proportion of the expenses of publishing newspapers, that their acquiescence in any new pressure upon them seems to be taken for granted.

Upon the country Press the increase in the price of paper will be especially burdensome. Their advertising patronage is light, and, as a general thing, their profits are not large. They must raise their prices or break down under the burden.

Lord Lyons' Instructions—Non-Intervention Still the British Policy.

We receive from London this morning an inkling of the instructions brought by Lord Lyons on his return to this country, and concerning which there has been such a large amount of portentous speculation, based on nothing. By this we are reassured once again in regard to the improbability of foreign, or at least of British, interference in our affairs; and though the protestations of continued neutrality are not yet given in their official form, the statements may be regarded as semi-official, and their authenticity and accuracy as beyond question. The precise point, as stated, is that "Lord Lyons takes out with him the most full assurance that while England will be eager, in concert with other civilized nations, to adopt any step that may tend to promote a permanent return of peace, either through a restoration of the Union on the old or any new basis, or an agreement for a friendly separation, she will, meanwhile, individually refuse to depart one hair's breadth from her course of non-interference." To this the London Globe adds, that there is no doubt that Lord Lyons' intercourse with the President's Government will remain as peaceful and uninterupted as the best friends of England and America could wish, and that "on the part of Her Majesty's Ministers no course will be pursued calculated to give any just cause of offence to the still great State beyond the Atlantic." So if, as is to be hoped, there be no diplomatic hypocrisy about these fine phrases, those who have been disturbed in their souls about intervention may now lapse into quiet for some time longer. There will be no stoppage, of course, to the building and equipping of ships and rams for the rebels in British yards; there will be no success to any of the innumerable acts of practical unfriendliness which the British Government has so long winked at. These, to be sure, will continue as ever; but, then, these, there will be nothing more.

The anxieties of some parties on another point which it was thought England might seize as a cause of quarrel, may be quieted by the sensible and pacific manner in which it is discussed by the London Press. It was feared that the act of Capt. WILKES in blockading, as it is termed, the Island of Bermuda, and his recent difficulty with the ship Gladiator, might lead to complications. But the Times obligingly states that though the English people may share in the indignation of the people of Bermuda, "there are perhaps some reasons why the right of search, which has always been stoutly maintained by ourselves, should be exercised by the Americans on this occasion with as much rigor as they can venture to employ." And the Globe feels quite sure that "if Com. WILKES transgresses the fair bounds of warfare, his Government will not sanction his acts, and as they repudiated him before, so, if there be occasion, they will repudiate him again." Influential journals of every stripe speak of the matter in a similar strain.

Under all these circumstances, and taking things as they appear on their face, it must be confessed that Lord Lyons has returned to his post with instructions as satisfactory to our Government and people, as we believe them to be agreeable to himself; and that there are no difficulties between his Government and ours which threaten to disturb the present relations.

Our relations with France, too, we have every reason to believe, notwithstanding recent rumors, are in a sufficiently satisfactory condition. There have undoubtedly been delicate questions discussed between the Emperor's representative and our State Department, but they are all capable of easy solution. The Secessionists in Europe will, of course, predicate great hopes upon the fact that Mr. SEIDELL has at last really had an interview with the Third Napoleon; and we shall likely learn from them what a wonderful impression the New-York rebel's arguments produced upon the Imperial mind, and how solemnly His Majesty listened and nodded, if not how he winked. But still we believe now, as heretofore, that there is really nothing to be apprehended, at least for some time to come, from the Imperial Government.

The present pacific advices from Europe only add force to the argument for quickly and decisively quelling this rebellion. We shall never be free from apprehensions, or indeed from danger of foreign interference, while the war maintains anything like its present aspect. A single day may change entirely the appearance of things abroad; a single step or misstep on our part may produce

complications whose results no man could foresee. To the President as Commander-in-Chief—to Gen. BURNIDE, Gen. ROSSCROSS, and the naval forces soon to begin operations on the coast, we look for such action as shall speedily and forever remove all cause or occasion of foreign interference in our war.

The Surrender of Harper's Ferry.

There was one thing about the Harper's Ferry surrender which always puzzled us, and we are pleased to find some light thrown upon it, though indirectly, in the report of the Military Commission.

We were never quite able to reconcile the conduct of Col. MILLS with open and acknowledged treachery. Some of his acts seemed very like it, but if there had been any agreement between himself and the rebels, in pursuance of which the place was to be surrendered, it was difficult to see why the rebels' cannonading was allowed to continue so long after his white flag was hung out. If the rebels had been in treaty with him, they would have been expecting a surrender, and would have been on the lookout for the signal, and, pressed for time as they were, they would not have postponed negotiations one moment. Hence we have doubted open treachery on the part of Col. MILLS, supposing rather that his failure to hold out was a result of halfheartedness in the cause, of political opinion, of expectation that some settlement would ultimately be patched up between the rebels and the Government, until which time he would in some way escape punishment, and after which he would have claims upon the Southern leaders for services rendered.

But how could he have expected to escape punishment? What shield had he behind which he might retire when he should be called in question for the surrender of his post? For that he must have trusted to showing that with his men thus cooped up as they were, amid the fire of rebel batteries, and with ammunition exhausted, he was warranted in surrendering his command as he did. But what possible excuse could he have to offer for not retaining Maryland Heights, but bringing his men, or allowing them to come from that commanding position into the valley below? A sentence in the report throws light upon this point. We are told that Gen. WALKER urged the importance of holding Maryland Heights, even should it require the taking of the entire force over there from Harper's Ferry. But Col. MILLS had orders to hold Harper's Ferry to the last extremity; and while admitting the importance of the Heights, he seemed to regard those orders as applying to the town of Harper's Ferry, and held that "to leave Harper's Ferry, even to go on Maryland Heights, would be disobeying his instructions."

This, then, was the pretext on which he acted. Obedience to orders was the shield on which he relied. Never was a more amazing position taken by a man who was seeking for excuses for not doing his duty. Because he was told to hold the town, he could not hold that which alone made the town tenable. He might just as well have allowed the rebels to occupy his batteries and seize the arms of his troops because they were not named in the order to him to hold the place.

Col. MILLS is dead; and one always feels reluctant to characterize as it deserves the ill conduct of one whom death prevents from defending himself. But such conduct as this ought not to be passed over. It ought to be condemned universally as a protection against its repetition. The President has begun the course of endeavor to give to the army able and successful leaders. We hope he will not fail to search narrowly for, and inexorably weed out of the whole service, every officer who has the slightest tendency to such reliance upon orders as MILLS was guilty of. Let it be clearly understood, that though disobedience of orders, even if it brings success, is not to be favored; yet such literal obedience as this, which is on the lookout for self-preservation rather than the country's good, is sure to be visited with condemnation, swift and inexorable.

BLOCKADE-BREAKING AT CHARLESTON AGAIN.—It is not very cheerful news for the Navy Department that we receive to-day from Charleston, S. C. On the night of the 18th of October, a rebel steamer ran the blockade and entered the harbor, paying not the slightest attention to the guns of the blockading vessel, the Flambau, that endeavored to arrest her course. It is alleged that the rebel was iron-plated, as the shots of the Flambau, twenty-two in number, fired, were led to believe, at point-blank range, "fell off from her sides like hail."

This may be an error in fact—the shots of the Flambau may not have reached their object—the rebel steamer may have escaped by her sheer audacity, as did the Orto not very long since at Mobile, for which Commander PARRIS lost his place in the navy. Our Charleston blockaders, if caught napping, may try to escape censure by suggesting that their enemy, though promptly followed and hit, was invulnerable.

It seems to us that an iron plated steamer, so absolutely invulnerable, would hardly have received the broadsides of the Flambau so tamely. It would have been a safe and perfectly easy matter to run her back into the Flambau and sink her, or to have got in pistol range and sent a few shot that would have extinguished beneath the waves the lights of this dicking Flambau. Such a victory would have gilded the triumph of entering Charleston harbor, and an iron-clad would hardly have declined the opportunity of so good a stroke of war. For this reason we are rather incredulous as to the iron plates on the outside of the blockade runner, though we have no doubt of there being plenty of iron plates within the steamer, intended for the rams now building at Charleston. The Liverpool Post long since told of such a ship and such a cargo, destined for the identical port she has just conspired.

The British Consul, who left Charleston on

the 18th of October, states that a rebel ram, iron-clad, has just been launched at Charleston, and that two more were ready and only waiting for the plates that were daily expected from England—the plates, no doubt, that went in the night after his departure. If this is so, then the opportunity of capturing Charleston easily has been allowed to pass. We never could see why the Monitor, after the James River service was concluded, was not taken to Charleston and used in an attack on that city. If she is invulnerable, as claimed, she could have steamed past Fort Sumter, regardless of its iron hail, and captured or destroyed Charleston and all the rams that were building there. The blockade of Charleston harbor will never be effective till we occupy its waters.

NEEDLESS DISSENSIONS.—The Journal of Commerce says that Gov. SEYMOUR "boldly proclaims the war for the Union and the Constitution, in opposition to the radical theories of a servile war, with insurrection and massacre, for the purpose of opposing Slavery, Union or no Union." We heartily concur with Gov. SEYMOUR in this position. So do the great mass of the people of this State, without distinction of party. Of those who voted against him at the late election, ninety-nine hundredths, we venture to assert, assent fully to this doctrine. Indeed, we should feel greatly obliged to the Journal of Commerce if it would point to any party, or any considerable number of persons, who would prosecute this war "for the purpose of abolishing Slavery, Union or no Union." We know no such men.

The Journal is very fond of denouncing certain men whom it styles radicals. So far as we understand their views on the subject of Slavery, they do not, as a class, come within the sweeping denunciations thus passed upon them. Even their favor emancipation, not as an end in itself, but as a means of crushing the rebellion. They see, as everybody must see, that Slavery is an element of strength to the rebels—that it adds prodigiously to the power of their armies in the field; and they see no reason why the blows of war should not fall upon it as well as upon anything else which strengthens the rebellion, and makes it more difficult for our Government to crush it. Does the Journal?

It seems to us about time that these foolish and mischievous dissensions, among men who claim to be loyal, should cease. The clamor against radicalism on the one hand, and against conservatism on the other, is utterly unmeaning and absurd. He is a true conservative who favors the most prompt and vigorous measures for breaking the military power of the Southern Confederacy, and thus crushing the rebellion; and there is no man more radical than he who would spare the rebels any of the sacrifices and sufferings which war involves, and thus contribute to the overthrow of our liberties and the destruction of our Government. The Administration has never shown itself disposed to err on the side of excessive rigor in its dealings with the rebels. All its movements have been marked with a degree of lenity and moderation which might certainly to satisfy the most fastidious conservative.

The President's Proclamation contains nothing which should meet the censure of the Journal of Commerce, or of Gov. SEYMOUR, nor do we understand either as objecting to it. They claim, indeed, to be the special friends and supporters of the President, and call upon the whole country to support him in his contest with the rebellion—including, of course, whatever means he may find to be necessary for the accomplishment of this result. In fighting the "Radicals," therefore, with so much vehemence, they seem to us to be fighting shadows. It would be much more useful, and quite as patriotic, to seek to promote union at home, by avoiding all needless contests, and to concentrate the whole strength of the country against the rebellion.

THE ATTACKS UPON JUDGE TREMAIN.—The Albany Atlas copies from the Sandy Hill Herald a very abusive paragraph concerning "the traitor TREMAIN,"—among other things, it says that "so unpopular was he that even the Republicans refused to hear him speak when he visited that county."

Mr. TREMAIN has never claimed to be a Republican, and we presume he is now, what he always has been, a Democrat. He has always acted with the Democratic Party,—has received high office at its hands, and still adheres to its principles and doctrines. But last Fall he thought it his duty to throw all his influence on the side of the Government in its contest with the rebellion, and he saw fit to act with the party which took the same view of public affairs, and to support the candidate nominated explicitly on that platform. His nomination for Lieutenant-Governor was made to strengthen the ticket, and not to gratify any wish or meet any claim of Mr. TREMAIN himself. Throughout the canvass he labored with zeal, energy and ability, to secure the success of the cause he had espoused. He addressed Democrats far more than Republicans, and was listened to everywhere with the attention and respect he deserved. If Sandy Hill was an exception to this, the fact speaks badly for the good sense and good taste of its inhabitants.

Mr. TREMAIN has done nothing to provoke the extraordinary virulence with which he is assailed by those with whom he used to act. He will not be injured by it, and can afford to despise it. In fact, his assailants pay a high tribute to his ability and efficiency, when they thus denounce him for an act which hundreds of the best men of their party have committed without censure.

THE CAVALRY SERVICE.—Major H. ROBINSON, who has devoted himself with rare patriotism to the development of the cavalry arm of the service, has been induced, by the application of our leading citizens, to deliver a public lecture on the subject. The time chosen is Friday evening, and the place Cooper Institute. The proceeds of the lecture will be handed to the Sanitary Commission.

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No Movements of Importance Reported.

Gen. Burnside Perfecting his Arrangements.

The Visit of General Halleck to the Army.

General Hooker with his New Command.

FAREWELL ORDER FROM GEN. PORTER.

HEADQUARTERS, WARRENTON, Wednesday, Nov. 13. Nothing worthy of record has transpired to-day within the lines of the Army of the Potomac. Gen. Burnside has been engaged with several of his principal officers, on matters of business.

HEADQUARTERS, Wednesday, Nov. 12—P. M. Nothing of striking military importance has transpired to-day. Trains of supplies are continually arriving here. Gen. Hooker took command of his corps to-day, and was enthusiastically received.

Gen. Porter took leave of his officers and command, and left for Washington this afternoon.

Gen. Halleck arrived here this afternoon, and was heartily received by the officers of Gen. Burnside's army.

WARRENTON, Thursday, Nov. 13. Gen. Halleck returned to Washington this morning.

Reports at headquarters this morning indicate a quiet in the front.

NO REBELS NEAR THE POTOMAC.

BAITSMORE, Thursday, Nov. 13. A correspondent of the American, dated Harper's Ferry to-night, says:

Several parties have reached here from Martinsburg, from whom we have apparently reliable information of the condition of affairs in the Army of the Potomac up to Cherry Run, where Gen. Kelly is in command.

The rebels have apparently entirely abandoned the line of the Potomac. None of their troops have been seen on land for nearly a week.

Our cavalry are actively scouting in the vicinity of Martinsburg, and passing through it. It was reported there that Jackson had returned to Winchester with a considerable force, and was to move from that point westward.

The better opinion appears to be that if Jackson is in the Valley at all it is for the purpose of moving toward Stanton, as Gen. Cox's march toward that point with a National force is exciting apprehensions among the rebels. A week ago Gen. Cox was known to be in Highland County, within forty miles of Stanton.

REPORTS FROM THE FRONT.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Nov. 13.

The Washington Star of this afternoon says: "We have information from the front, representing that a considerable portion of Jackson's force is making its way over the Northwestern Virginia turnpike, in the direction of Cumberland, Md."

While inclined to doubt the accuracy of the news, so far, at least, as to the extent of the rebel force marching in that direction, if it be true, Jackson designs seeking to divert a large Union force as he can from the serious work now before Burnside. The use is an old trick of his, which will hardly win this time, we apprehend.

The rebel authorities are just now biding every nerve to strengthen their army between the Rappahannock and the Rapidan. Faint's entire force has been recalled from Western Virginia, and if not already arriving at Gordonsville, will have all been gathered there in a few days.

Brace's movements, too, have been shrouded in mystery for more than a week past, and rebel citizens of Virginia sincerely believe that he is also rapidly moving up by rail to join Lee's army.

But for the recent stay of the advance of our Army of the Potomac, all these rebel efforts to strengthen their forces to meet the shock of battle, soon to come, if the advance be not abandoned altogether, would have been too late, for, by to-day, an engagement had been planned between the Union forces at Richmond—Gordonsville—in Gen. McClellan's grasp, would probably have been fought and won.

OUR SPECIAL ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

GEN. McCLELLAN'S FAREWELL.

The departure of the late Commanding General—Arrangements for a Special Effect—Threats of Insurrection—How the General Received the News—He is to Write the History of the Army of the Potomac.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, WARRENTON, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1862.

The last echoes of the cheers from a hundred thousand throats that yesterday rang from camp to camp, and were borne out on the pulsing air, have died away. Gen. McClellan has gone, and the army turns again to the work before it. It was necessary for the late Commanding General to leave. He had his election of modes of doing so, and he has chosen to cause the embarking of the nation to stand still while he has filled up four days with *autobiographical, practical and dramatic farewells*. May I be pardoned for saying "farewell" to the man, if the conviction which facts have forced upon my mind. A watchful observer of all that has been said and done since the order of removal came, I have been unable to escape the constant impression of what passed before my eyes was of the man, and of the effect, prepared by the hand of the commanding officer. I have seen the priests of Dedona that pulled the strings of the Oracle to speak as they wished. Men whom the authorities should know and mark, have been engaged among the soldiers—dropping poisonous suggestions in the ears of the Government and influencing the minds of the troops. Officers still holding command in leave, by having been, blantly threatened to resign, and then urged to stay to-morrow. Heaven it seems that should stay the late Commanding General had given the

proceedings, but he has remained while they went on, and he has used the passionate elements thus evoked. Yesterday the grand farewell was made—thundering again! The General and staff rode from camp to camp; the salutes, the shouts, the caps tossed high in air—all went off as per programme. The formula, "Now, boys, three times three for your favorite General," was repeated at each division with such curious iteration that one had to laugh at the ardor. "It's all played out now, boys," exclaims a master cavalier. "Never mind," remarks a General still in command of a brigade, (how long will he remain!) "we have only two or three days more to serve in the Army of the Potomac." "Why," insinuates another, "does he not take us down with him to Washington, and clean out the Abolition crew, as Casswell did the Rump Parliament?"

I have nothing to do but tell the truth of what transpires, and if you are told that Gen. McClellan's departure has not been attended with any outward demonstration of passion on the part of the soldiers, you do not receive the true report. Time alone can separate what is genuine from what is factitious in the sentiment of the army toward their late commander. But with much that, for the time being, looks perilous, I feel every assurance that the effectiveness will presently die away, the moral tone of the troops be restored, and a new life and courage be inspired. There are factions that have, for the moment, all and more than the force of fact; but there is this peculiarly inherent in them, that, being rooted and grounded in no genuine conviction, and dependent on adventitious support, they do not last, but drop away and cease to be. I class the feeling for McClellan, or rather the form it has taken, with such factions. It is not to be overlooked that a commander has many ways of being related to his troops, and respect in soldiers serving under him. But that American citizens should have forgotten that they came out to serve their country, and grown to imagine they came to serve George B. McClellan, is a delusion which no qualities he possesses can explain. We shall by and by be able to unravel the series of historical causes under which this phenomenon has grown into being. Meanwhile the spell is broken, and the time is not far distant when army and people will realize that, in the removal, an incur has been lifted from my mind as an enemy.

With regard to the feelings of Gen. McClellan on his removal only indirect intimations have, of course, come out, but as I saw him on Sunday night at an informal reception given in his tent to the officers of the staff and others, puffing his cigar with imperturbable tranquillity and cheerfulness, he masked well every emotion he may have felt. The oft-repeated remark of "General, this is painful news," simply elicited the reply, "It was very unexpected to me, I assure you." Strong expressions indulged in by youthful members of his staff were quietly answered with, "We have only to obey orders." Champagne was upon a table in the corner, of which all partook. As the General lifted his glass he gave the toast—"The Army of the Potomac, and bless the day when I shall return to it." This same hope that he will be long return to command the army I have heard him repeat several times to-day, although it is strangely contradicted by the remark which officers at headquarters report him to have made to the effect that he will "never again draw sword under the present Administration." Enthusiastic individuals hinted repeatedly at the White House as his future command. This was answered with a smiling silence as to a remark by no means new. Some one observed: "General, we shall see you back in a fortnight." Said he, "If I never return to the Army of the Potomac, may I live to write its history. It is a task to which I shall devote myself." To another: "I feel as if the Army of the Potomac belonged to me. It is mine. I feel that its officers are my brothers, its soldiers my children. This separation is like a forcible divorce of man and wife. It is unnatural." Of Burnside he spoke affectionately and hopefully. "Burnside is the best and honestest of men. He is no Mr. Fox. He will do a great deal better than you expect."

To-day at noon the late Commander of the Army of the Potomac, accompanied by his personal staff, left Warrenton on a special train for Washington and Northward. For an hour previous to the departure, officers poured into the car in a stream, to bid him farewell. Burnside and he sat on the seat together in earnest, confidential intercourse. At length all had gone, and Burnside rose to leave. It was an interesting moment. McClellan held out his hand, and Burnside seized it warmly in both his. McClellan then placed his hand on the shoulder of his brother General, and with a look full of unutterable things, spoke a brief parting sentence to him, which he received, and not the public. As the train moved off, Northward a powerful column of troops at that moment passed, moving Southward. It flashed on my mind as an emblem of the new order. Courage, and onward.

FAREWELL ORDER FROM GEN. PORTER.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Nov. 13.

Major-General FITZ-JOHN PORTER yesterday issued the following General Orders from headquarters of the Fifth Army Corps, dated camp near Warrenton, Va.

By direction of the President of the United States, Major-General HOOKER has been assigned to the command of this corps. It has been my privilege to lead the little band of regulars, the permanent Army of the United States, inheriting the names, the records, the traditions of regiments that have borne the banner of our country through all its history. It has been my privilege to lead noble regiments of volunteers, coming from different States, but becoming equally National through having the same purpose, the same dangers and the same sufferings. Having shared their perils and privations in the camp, in the bivouac, on the march and in half a score of bloody fields, to the officers and men of both classes I address myself. The confidence which, if I may judge by your acts, you have reposed in me, it has been my earnest effort to merit and requite. The personal regard which I am proud to feel that you bear toward me, is reciprocated by an ardent affection and a deep respect, which time cannot efface. The personal good fortune of each of you will be always a matter of heartfelt interest to me. The professional successes you will attain will be doubly grateful to me, inasmuch as they will be identified with the success of our cause. Among the most gratifying of my thoughts of late will be the assurance that your subordination and loyalty will remain in the future, as in the past—firm and steadfast to our country and its authorities.

IMPORTANT FROM WESTERN VIRGINIA.

MOOREHEAD, Hardy Co. Va., Nov. 10, 1862.

I left New Creek on Saturday morning, the 8th inst., and after a continuous march of 24 hours, a distance of about 60 miles, reached Lee's camp on the South Fork, 10 miles south of this place, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. We attacked him once and routed him completely, killing and wounding many of the enemy, also capturing his camp, 50 prisoners, a quantity of arms, 350 fat hogs, a large number of horses, cattle, wagons, &c.

The infantry were routed and entirely dispirited, fleeing to the mountains. Their cavalry were, unfortunately, away on an expedition, or our success would have been complete. We burned their camp and returned to this place this evening. I had

with me a detachment of the First New-York Cavalry, under the command of Col. McRatmonds, the Ringgold Cavalry, under the command of Capt. Key, the Washington Cavalry, commanded by Capt. Greenfield, Roca's Battery and three companies of the Twenty-third Illinois Infantry, under the command of Maj. Moore. The infantry companies were carried in wagons. The New-York troops cannot be supposed for patient endurance on the march or for gallant bearing when in action. Our attack was so unexpected and impetuous that our loss in killing, three or four men slightly, and one severely wounded, none killed.

B. F. KELLEY, Brig.-Gen.

IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

Delicate Nature of Our Relations with France and Spain.

PROTECTION FOR NEW-YORK HARBOR.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Nov. 13.

DIFFICULTIES WITH FRANCE.

The official announcement made some days ago by the State Department, that there is no reason to apprehend serious embarrassments with France on account of Gen. Butler's operations in Louisiana, is now proved to have this foundation and no more: The French Government has demanded full and immediate indemnity for all injuries inflicted upon French citizens by Gen. Butler; the immense armament—now nearly ready at Marseilles—being pointed to as the commentary on the diplomatic request. Our State Department, therefore, in announcing that there will be no difficulties, leading to a rupture of relations, merely informs the French Minister in advance, that it is ready to back down to any extent from Gen. Butler's acts; and that no defence of that officer's conduct, and no adequate examination of the French complaints will be made as a bar to this further effort to conciliate. The fact is, however, that a powerful sentiment here supports the justice of Gen. Butler's course, and that there are many influential advisers of the President, who think that this mode of finally invariable purchasing peace with Europe, by conceding every demand, is bad policy, certain in the end to result in still further claims of an even more outrageous character. They think we are strong enough not to sacrifice our own best officers to foreign clamor.

A SPECK OF TROUBLE WITH SPAIN.

The Spanish Minister has addressed to our Government a demand for an apology for the burning of a vessel in Spanish waters by one of the ships of Admiral Farragut's fleet. This act, it is complained, was made more heinous by insults to a Cuban magistrate who remonstrated against this wrong done in a neutral port. Spain evidently thinks herself strong enough, and the United States weak enough, to justify her threats, in case apology and reparation be not granted. The Spanish squadron now cruising in the Gulf might undoubtedly give trouble in the large fleet of our transport vessels which will soon, from all indications, be obliged to navigate that region. Looking at the course of France and Spain together, it would seem possible that the *entente cordiale*, broken by Gen. Farragut in Mexico, may be renewed in a more northern latitude.

RETURN OF GEN. HALLECK FROM THE ARMY.

Gen. Halleck and Major returned late this afternoon from the Army of the Potomac. Gen. Halleck reached Gen. Burnside's headquarters yesterday afternoon, and spent last night in consultation with Gen. Burnside and the various corps commanders. He reports the army as never in better spirits, munificently equipped, weary of inaction, and eager for the decisive struggle now closely approaching. Up to 9 o'clock this morning, when he left the army, Gen. Halleck did not hear of one single resignation being tendered. The statement that Gen. McClellan labors to reconcile his chief officers to the change of command, is fortunately as much without foundation as without cause. Gen. McClellan too well knows the soldierly temper and unswerving loyalty of his men to engage in any such unnecessary labors.

DANGER OF NEW-YORK HARBOR.

Gov. MORRIS, Hiram Barney and others from New-York arrived this morning, and obtained interviews with the President and the Secretaries of War, the Treasury and the Navy, relative to the fleet of iron clads now on their way from England to rebel ports. From private advices they represent New-York harbor as in danger of a visitation, and demand that two of our new iron clads be stationed off, or within the narrows for protection.

THURLOW WARD'S MISSION.

Mr. THURLOW WARD is here. His instructions will not be ready in time enough to let him sail by the *Scots*, as intended, and his departure now depends somewhat on the nature of the next advice received from Europe.

GEN. FREMONT NOT ARRIVED.

Gen. FREMONT did not arrive to-day, according to expectation, but will be here to-morrow. It is believed that he will be appointed upon the new Military Commission being raised to investigate the charges against distinguished officers in the service, or assigned to a command in case any Major-General shall throw up his commission.

GEN. PORTER.

Gen. Fitz-John Porter arrived here to-day with his staff, and will probably remain until the investigation of the charges against him.

GEN. MEIGS.

There are many speculations upon Gen. Meigs' visit to the Army of the Potomac, in company with Gen. Halleck. It is said by his friends that the military genius he is supposed to possess will no longer be permitted to be devoted entirely to the performance of mere administrative duties, but that he will soon be assigned to an important command in the field.

FALSE REPORTS.

An officer of Gen. Fitz-John Porter's staff, arrived to-day from the front, pronounces the stories of military and resignations to be base fabrications, originated by

incendiary parties for effect, and calculated equally to dishonor Gen. Burnside and Gen. McClellan.

THE LIQUOR-DEALERS AND THE PROHIBITORY LAW.

In consequence of the order of Gen. Wadsworth, prohibiting the retail of liquors within this District, but few dealers in the "ardent" have taken notice of the prohibition. They contend that they should be allowed to sell as formerly, as they are now taxed both by the Government and Corporation, but are perfectly willing, the most of them, to be restricted in their sales to citizens. Mayor WALLACE, in pursuance of a resolution passed by both Councils, has addressed a letter on this subject to the Secretary of War, and also one to Gen. Wadsworth. It does seem unjust that dealers should pay tax upon an article they are prohibited from selling.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

A soldier writes, that Brig.-Gen. J. J. BAYLATT, of Franklin's Army Corps, in the present advance, was suffering severely from rheumatism, and led his column in a carriage, drawn by a mule. The General said "that in the event of a battle, the excitement would enable him to keep his saddle, and he would not be left behind."

EXPERIMENTING WITH THE BIG GUN.

An interesting experimental practice with the immense 15-inch gun took place a day or two ago, at the Navy-yard. There were present to witness the operations, Secretary WALLIS, Assistant-Secretary Fox, Com. HARWOOD, and Capt. DASHLEIGH. The gun was loaded with a shell weighing 375 pounds, which was fired at a target, set at right angles, about three hundred yards distant. The target was built out of solid oak timber, eighteen inches thick, and constructed in such manner as to resemble the side of a ship. The oak plank is also covered with a solid wrought iron plate ten inches in thickness. The shell, striking the formidable piece of work, broke into innumerable fragments, some of them rebounding to the battery from which the ponderous gun was fired.

THE MONITOR.

It is expected that the *Monitor* will relieve the *Galea*, now stationed near the mouth of the James River, and that the latter vessel will be brought here to undergo a thorough overhauling, and to repair the damages she received in the attack on Fort Darling.

APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

The following appointments of Medical Examiners were made to-day by Commissioner BARRETT: Dr. S. C. HODGKINSON, Lawrence, Kansas. Dr. J. W. ROBERTSON, Topeka, Kansas. Dr. ALONZO GASKILL, Lewistown, Me. Dr. PHILIP R. HAY, Racine, Wis. Dr. WM. E. DICKEY, Centerville, Ind.

MALTRAITING SICK SOLDIERS.

A man named JOSEPH BATMAN, residing in Georgetown, was arrested to-day by order of Col. Dozier, on the charges of using vulgar language and of ill-treating sick patients in the College Hospital. He was sent to the Old Capitol Prison.

NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN THE OLD CAPITOL.

There are now confined in the old Capitol Prison here, one hundred and eighty prisoners of State and seventy-five prisoners of war. Another exchange is expected to take place in the course of a few days.

APPLICATIONS FOR PENSIONS.

Applications for pensions continue to come in daily by hundreds. Already over 4,000 applications for invalid pensions have been received by the Commissioner of Pensions, and about 5,000 applications for widows' pensions. Up to this date, about 60 applications for invalid pensions have been granted; but, of widows' pensions, a smaller number have been allowed, owing to the unavoidable difficulty and delay in obtaining the necessary evidence of service, &c., from the Adjutant-General's office.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PENSION AGENTS.

The Commissioner of Pensions is about to issue instructions to Pension agents in the several States, requiring them to forward to the Pension Bureau, as soon as possible, the names and address of all pensioners upon their rolls.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Nov. 13.

LORD LYONS, who returned to Washington yesterday, paid a visit of courtesy to President LINCOLN this morning, in company with Mr. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

GEN. FREMONT.

Major-General JOSE C. FREMONT has not been ordered hither, but visits Washington on leave asked for and granted a month ago for that purpose.

NO RESIGNATIONS.

It is ascertained, on inquiry, that no resignations have been received from the officers in the Army of the Potomac since the change in Commanders, and that officers who are not disposed to continue in the service, in consequence of the change, will find no difficulty in being relieved from the service.

COMMISSIONER BUTTELL.

Commissioner BUTTELL, having returned to Washington and partially recovered from his late illness, has resumed his duties in the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

THE DEFENCES OF NEW-YORK HARBOR.

Gov. MORRIS and Collector BARNEY are here, in relation to the defenses of New-York harbor. It is understood the proper preparations have been made to their request for adequate and immediate protection, and the requisite orders for that purpose have already been issued.

THE CHARLESTON IRON-CLAD STORY.

The story of an alleged iron-clad, which runs the blockade off Charleston harbor, is traceable here to an event that occurred more than a month ago, and which was soon afterward published. The *Flambeau*'s rifle gun made no impression upon the blockade runner simply because none of the random shots struck her. The rebel steamer ran by the *Flambeau* during the night. Much of what is said about the rebels being reinforced with iron-clad vessels from Europe is no confirmation at the Navy Department, which is not indifferent to obtaining facts on that subject.

FOOLISH REPORTS.

Inquiries have been received here by Telegraph as to alleged disasters to the Army of the Potomac, involving the safety of Washington, and the capture of Harper's Ferry. Reports of similar character have prevailed in Washington during the present week, but they were not considered worthy of serious consideration, having no truth whatever for their foundation.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Lieut.-Commanding L. H. NEWMAN has been detached from the iron-clad steamer *Galea*, and Acting-Lieut. JAMES PARSONS has been ordered to that vessel.

Lieuts. JOHN WIDMAN and R. H. LAWSON have been detached from the *Paumotu* at Philadelphia.

Commander L. C. SARGENT has been detached from the command of the *Florida* and ordered to the command of the *Cyclops* in the Pacific.

Commander S. B. BISSAT has been detached from the command of the *Cyclops*, and ordered to the Navy-Yard, Mare Island, California.

Capt. T. B. GALEN has been detached from that yard, and ordered to the Atlantic States.

Second Assistant-Engineer BOWMAN has been ordered to the gunboat *Winona*.

T. W. DUNHAM has been appointed Acting Assistant Surgeon in the Navy.

MASTERS' MATES.

Applicants for positions as Masters' Mates in the Navy are to be forwarded to the Navy Department, a statement of their sea service, with recommendations from the Captains with whom they have sailed, and their age.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Rebel Reports of Operations in North Carolina.

Advance of Gen. Foster's Army to Tarboro.

DEFEAT OF THE REBELS AT ALL POINTS.

FORTRESS MONROE, Wednesday, Nov. 12. SYLVESTER BURL, formerly of Albany, N. Y., was found drowned in the moat yesterday.

He had been for some days in the guard-house for desertion, and attempted to make his escape by jumping through the embrasure into the moat, and being unable to land, was drowned.

Gen. CORCORAN and Staff arrived at Fortress Monroe this morning.

Major-General DIX went to Suffolk to-day to review the troops at that place.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH.

The *Petersburg Express* Nov. 10th has the following: "The Ghost of Recognition of the Southern Confederacy by France and England after having been solemnly revoked for the tenth time, has again been dismissed to the shades below, where we hope it will remain for the balance of the war. We are tired of the freakish reappearance of this phantom, and wish never to see it again paraded before the public eye."

GEN. FOSTER'S OPERATIONS.

We have information that the enemy are in possession of Williamson and Hamilton, in Martin County, and a large Federal force is marching on Tarboro. Our small forces engaged them at Williamson, but the enemy's overwhelming numbers forced our men to fall back. Our loss, 12, enemy's, 100.

Much damage was done to the buildings by shelling in Williamson and Hamilton.

Cars have been ordered to Tarboro to move Government stores. On Tuesday night all our available forces around Kingston received marching orders to go as near Newbern as they could get; consequently, we expect stirring news soon from that direction. We believe Weldon is the point the enemy wish to reach.

SALE OF NEGROES.

Mr. P. J. TAYLOR sold in Warrenton, N. C., six negroes, on Wednesday last, at the following prices: One negro man, 34 years old, \$1,075. One negro woman, 26 years old, \$600. One negro woman, 24 years old, \$2,300. One negro girl, 20 years old, \$2,500. One negro woman, 18 years old, and infant, \$1,410. One negro girl, 16 years old, \$1,520. The negroes were all likely house-servants.

DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Arrival of Reinforcements—Departure of Gen. Foster's Expedition—Death of Capt. Pendleton—Sifting out the Incapables—Gov. Stanley at Work.

NEWBERN, N. C., Thursday, Nov. 6, 1862.

Ten days since, the Third, Fifth and Forty-fourth Regiments of Massachusetts troops arrived at Beaufort and came up to this city by rail. They were cordially received, and went into camp near the other regiments in the rear of the town. They made a fine appearance, with full ranks and new clothes. The appearance of a full regiment is only known to us traditionally. Decimation goes forward so rapidly in the service, by means of detailing men to special duties, which take them out of the ranks, by sickness, and by leave of absence, that a single new regiment looked like a brigade.

On Thursday, Oct. 30, before the new troops had got settled in their camps, the whole available force was ordered to march on an expedition against the enemy. A sufficient garrison was left, with the gunboats, to guard the town. I may not tell you how many troops went, but let it suffice that it was an army complete, artillery, cavalry and infantry, fully equipped and furnished for the work they had to do. This early campaigning was unexpected by the new troops, but they entered into it with enthusiasm, and will learn much more in a week than in a month's drill.

No news which is forbidden has reached us. At Washington, North Carolina, there was a sad accident, which cast gloom over the army, and will cause the heartache in New-York. Capt. PENDLETON, a volunteer aid to Gen. FOSTER, in carrying an order was thrown from his horse before the army and fatally injured. The surgeons in attendance at first thought he would recover. He had three ribs broken near the spine and a shoulder dislocated. It seems there was some concealed injury to the vital organs, for he suddenly expired, without any suspicion of imminent danger, having been previously awarded. His body will be forwarded to his friends immediately.

On Sunday, Nov. 2, the army took up its line of march. All persons not able to endure the fatigue of a movement at the rate of 20 miles a day were sent back to this city.

This is like the example of Gideon, who reduced his army before going to battle. May the result be as glorious in this case as in his.

Whether this is a co-operation, expedition, or not does not appear, nor would it be prudent to hint at the rumors which are afloat on the matter has further progressed. Of one thing the public may be assured, viz. that Major-General JOSE C. FOSTER will accompany him that he aims at, unless red tape should tie his hands. He is, in many respects, a model General. The confidence of the troops in his prudence, knowledge, skill, courage and thoroughness is unbounded. He is of immaculate loyalty, and cordially ready to do the President's wishes in all respects. If he had an army of sixty or seventy thousand men in this Department he would soon cause the Virginia rebels to feel the necessity of strengthening their rear.

Gov. STANLEY is again at work as Military Governor. His office is thronged daily by those who have business to transact with him. He does not incline to order an election of Congressmen in the First and Second District of North Carolina, although he has the President's permission so to do. It is surmised that he fears undesirable persons would be elevated to office. But this can hardly be true, because of the assumption of power it would imply. He is of a high character, and a readiness to order an election if any considerable number of people should petition for it.

The sickly season is gone by, and our forces have not been reduced. The average of sick has not risen much above the mark of the most healthy localities. Arrangements are going forward for the transfer of all the patients from Portsmouth and Beaufort to this city for the winter.

A large number of houses and mines have just been brought into town, which were taken by our troops from the rebels.

The First Regiment North Carolina Volunteers is fastening up, and the Union sentiment among the whites in various localities is rapidly rising. Few have as soon as is presented to the non-slaveholding community for, in its true aspect, strikes them as the remedy for all their ills. They begin already to envy the condition of the Northern yeomanry.

compared with their own. And small free-holds and abundant thrift loom up before them in the distance like Delectable Mountains.

As soon as we get authentic intelligence from Gen. Foster's army in the field I will forward it.

GEN. FOSTER'S EXPEDITION.

The following is an extract from a letter to his friends by a soldier in the Forty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment.

CAMP AT NEWBERN, Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Our regiment left Thursday, together with the Twenty-fourth Massachusetts, Tenth Connecticut, Fifth Rhode Island, some cavalry and artillery, in one brigade under Col. STRATTON, and the Seventeenth, Twenty-third and Twenty-seventh Massachusetts and some other parts of regiments, with cavalry and artillery, in another brigade

FINANCIAL.

"Five-Twenty" Year

SIX PER CENT.

BONDS.

COUPON AND REGISTERED, IN DENOMINATIONS OF \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 AND \$5,000. CONSTANTLY ON HAND AND FOR SALE AT PAR.

INTEREST TO COMMENCE FROM DATE OF PURCHASE.

The interest on these bonds is at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, payable 1st of May and 1st of November, in gold, at the present rate of premium on gold is equivalent to 100 to 105. The bonds are payable in gold, and are the only bonds of the Government which are payable in gold.

THEY ARE THE CHEAPEST GOVERNMENT SECURITIES NOW IN THE MARKET.

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FINANCIAL.

NATIONAL LOAN.

7.30 BONDS.

Proposals will be received at this Department until 12 o'clock on MONDAY, the 17th inst., and then opened, for THIRTEEN MILLIONS, FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS, (\$13,420,550) being the whole amount of 7.30 THREE YEARS' BONDS authorized by law, and remaining undeposited of. These Bonds will be of the issue of Oct. 1, 1861, and will have the Coupon due April 1, 1863, attached. The accrued interest from Oct. 1, 1862, to date of payment will be required to be paid in Gold Coin or in United States Legal Tender Notes. Offers for any amount not less than one bond of fifty dollars will be considered, but the Department will be at liberty to decline all proposals not regarded as advantageous to the Government.

TEN PER CENT. of each amount offered must be deposited with an ASSISTANT TREASURER, and will be forfeited in case of acceptance of proposal and non-payment of the balance within ten days from date of notice of acceptance.

All deposits on account of proposals not accepted, will be immediately returned to the offerors. On receiving deposits, the Assistant Treasurers will, when any deposit may be made, issue DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES—the original of which he will deliver to the offeror, by whom it must be sent, with his proposal, to the Secretary of the Treasury.

No proposal will be considered, in absence of such a certificate: nor will any proposal be received after 12 o'clock of the day fixed for the opening.

S. P. CHASE, Secretary of the Treasury.

U. S. "FIVE-TWENTY" YEAR

SIX PER CENT. BONDS FOR SALE AT

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Interest to commence from date of purchase.

Also, Stock and Bonds bought and sold on Commission.

STUYVESANT, HOLLY & SCHENCK,

No. 11 NINE-STREET.

DIVIDENDS

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

Five (5) Per Cent. of the earnings of the last

year of the Company, for the year ending on

the 31st of December, 1861, will be paid on

the 1st of January, 1862, to the holders of

the Company's stock, at the rate of five per

cent. on the par value of the stock.

The dividends will be paid in gold coin, or

in United States Legal Tender Notes, at the

option of the holders.

The dividends will be paid at the office of

the Company, at No. 11 NINE-STREET.

By order of the Board, THOMAS J. JOHNSON, Secretary.

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ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1862, at 10 o'clock

A. M., at the residence of Mr. J. H. LINTON, at

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By order of Mr. J. H. LINTON, Auctioneer.

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AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—NORMA—LORENA.

Director, J. ORAU.

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PRICE TWO CENTS.

ARMY OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA.

Probable Evacuation of Culpepper by the Rebels.

Contradictory Reports About Jackson.

He is Said to be at Chester Gap with Forty Thousand Men.

He is Also Said to be Between Winchester and Harper's Ferry.

Our Generals Ready for Him at Either Point.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, WARRENTON, Friday, Nov. 14.

A rebel brigade, which has for several days been recolonizing our positions on the Rappahannock, left Jefferson this morning for Culpepper. Gen. FILLMORE's Cavalry drove their rear guard from Jefferson.

There are indications that the rebels are about evacuating Culpepper.

JACKSON is said to be still hovering about Chester Gap, with not over 40,000 men under his command. We have a force on his front which prevents his coming down on this side.

All is quiet here to-night.

REPORTS FROM HARPER'S FERRY.

BALTIMORE, Friday, Nov. 14.

A special correspondent to the American, dated Harper's Ferry, to-day, says it is believed there that Jackson is between Winchester and Harper's Ferry. Parties from Winchester and our scout report that Jackson passed through Winchester on Monday, and that Gen. Hill followed him on Tuesday. Skirmishing between our pickets and those of the rebels has been renewed during the past few days, and three of the First Maryland Cavalry have been captured.

Gen. STONE, who commands at the Ferry, is fully awake to the position of affairs, and has a sufficient force.

The rebel cavalry scouts are still said to be on this side of the Blue Ridge, but beyond picking up stragglers and capturing a few sutlers' wagons, have accomplished nothing.

JACKSON MARCHING ON CUMBERLAND.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Nov. 14.

Lieut. ROGERS, of the Staff of the rebel Gen. A. P. HILL, was captured to-day by Col. PRICE's Cavalry while visiting his family near Leesburgh. He says Jackson will be in Cumberland within twenty-four hours. Similar rumors of Jackson's movements are received from Harper's Ferry.

LETTERS FROM WARRENTON.

The Orange and Alexandria Railroad in Good Order—A Depot for Supplies at Warrenton—Stories of Contrabands—Cannoeing in Front—The Recent Dash at Fredericksburg, &c.

WARRENTON, Friday, Nov. 14.

The Orange and Alexandria railroad is now in complete running order to the Rappahannock Station, ten miles from this place; also, the Warrenton road to the town of Warrenton, nine miles beyond this point to the right, and the headquarters of Gen. BURNSIDE. The first train of cars which have passed over the road between Manassas Junction and this point since the retreat of our troops came up to-day, the engine passing on to Warrenton without molestation or discovering any traces of rebel troops along the route. The rebels had repaired the road as far as Bristol, removing the old rails which they had previously bent up in order to throw our cars off, and introducing new ones, leaving but two bridges near Catlet Station to be repaired to render the road as perfect and substantial as ever. Commissary stores and forage will begin to be forwarded over the road to-morrow, and preparations are already being made for the establishment of an extensive depot for military stores at this place. Col. Wm. BLISSARD, the brave and efficient commander of the Eleventh Massachusetts Regiment, the crack regiment of Gen. HOOKER's old Division, is Commandant of the Post, and under his vigilant eye no weak spot in the surrounding country will be left unguarded. The selection of this officer is an admirable one, and surrounds the place with an influence of security. The road is thoroughly guarded by Gen. STONE's Division the entire distance from Alexandria to here. From appearances, it is judged that but very few rebel troops have occupied the country between Warrenton and Alexandria since the evacuation of this place by our troops last August, and our old camping grounds seem to have been unvisited by them, while the few inhabitants remaining in this vicinity affirm that none but rebel scouts have been seen in the neighborhood. Our troops, although marching hither in the midst of the late severe snowstorm, were in the most cheerful spirits, and experienced very little fatigue.

Nov. 11.—This morning two contrabands from Orange Court-House have just been conducted into camp by our pickets. They left that place mounted upon a couple of secession steeds of a sorry type, last Wednesday morning, and have been since making their way in this direction. They were dressed in secession uniforms of cavalry pattern. They report that TOOMAS and ANDERSON's brigades were there, arriving at Gordonsville the Sunday previous from Winchester, by way of Staunton. One of them was the Adjutant's servant of the First Georgia Regiment, regulars. They were both owned in the lower part of this country. They report that old Gen. Lee, Commander-in-Chief, as they call him, has gone to Richmond. They saw him get on the cars a week ago yesterday, at Gordonsville. The idea in circulation in our papers that we were to bag the forces of Lee at Winchester, when they were in reality far up the valley of the Shenandoah, more than a week ago, seems now a little strange.

These contrabands crossed the Rappahannock at Ellis Ford, twenty miles below Rappahannock Station. They saw and heard nothing of the rebels this side of Ellis Ford, and the rebels' pickets, who, until

within a few days have been posted between that point and Rappahannock Station, have been withdrawn, and that in consequence of the appearance of our forces in the vicinity of Sulphur Springs.

Yesterday a small party of cavalry went on a reconnaissance in the direction of Rappahannock Station, and met, three miles this side of the Station, with our pickets from the two regiments now at that place, the one a cavalry and the other infantry, Gen. BORD having taken possession of that post on Sunday. A telegraph operator went forward from this place yesterday afternoon, and at 10 o'clock P. M. telegraphed that the enemy's camp fire was abundant across the Rappahannock and to the right, and apprehended that BORD's force would be shelled before morning. This morning heavy cannonading is heard in that direction, nine miles distant. It is now quite apparent that the entire country this side the Rappahannock is clear of rebels, unless a few guerrillas still remain secreted in the woods.

Last Friday, Col. LION, of the Sixth Ohio Cavalry, left this place with a reconnoitering force of eighty men—forty of his own with an equal number of Indiana Cavalry—to ascertain the position of things at Fredericksburg, 45 miles distant. Nothing of special interest occurred until reaching the Rappahannock at Falmouth, a short distance this side of Port Matanzas. There they found a small picket force, who mistook them for friends, as their blue overcoats were nothing different from many of those worn by the rebels. These pickets, in their innocence, even ferried some of them across the river in their scows before they were fully aware of their mistake. Others of the force, in the meantime, crossed a ford a short distance above. The Colonel posted half his men on the north bank of the river. Arriving at Fredericksburg he found about 150 of the Fifteenth Virginia Cavalry scattered about the city in various directions, some at their breakfast, their horses in one place and they in another. The balance of the regiment was doing picket duty between that city and Richmond, and up the north bank of the Rappahannock, being relieved every three days.

The Colonel first charged entirely through the city with his small force of forty men, and then back and forth through the streets in all directions, wherever he could see a few of the enemy assembling, crying out "Bring up the artillery," and striking terror and dismay among both troops and inhabitants, and scattering them in all directions. The surprise was perfect and eminently successful. It appears from the statement of one of the prisoners taken, that the rebels had often raised the cry of "The Yankees are coming!" in order to see how quickly their force could be assembled, and now they regarded the alarm as a repetition of former outcries, and did not believe in the fact until the "Yankees" were really among them. At one time, our little force of forty had sixty of the enemy disarmed and under his control, but in the general melee some of them broke and ran. He succeeded, however, in capturing twenty-nine of them and twenty horses, which he brought off, together with two cart-loads of secession army-cloth, which, at the time, happened to be passing through the streets. Some of this cloth, after getting well clear of the city, he was not followed by the army, he had cut up and given to the rebels for blankets, and the balance he distributed among his brave boys who had so gallantly charged upon the enemy. He had rushed by the barracks on entering the city, and by the time he had sufficiently scoured the town, quite a force of the enemy was drawn up at that point to prevent his egress. But the Colonel, as was to be expected, bore off in another direction with his capives and booty, and safely crossed a ford further up. They arrived at this place about 1 o'clock A. M. yesterday. Among the prisoners I noticed one sixty-two years old, a hale and hearty-looking fellow, a substitute, he said, in place of his youngest son, some twenty years old, and sick. He gloried that he had still two sons in the rebel service. There appeared to be more fight in him than in all the rest. He, too, was provided with a blanket from the secession government cloth before referred to, and which he said was selling in Fredericksburg at \$13 per yard. It is composed of cotton two parts to one part wool, and is very shoddy stuff.

This Fifteenth Virginia Regiment has been in service only one month, and six companies of it were raised in this (Fauquier) county. We had one man killed and two wounded. A flag of truce was subsequently sent back after them. The exact loss of the enemy is not known, but the prisoners acknowledge that several of their men were killed.

Gen. McCLELLAN passed through here at noon to-day, en route for Washington, and was received with the customary military honors. ARGUS.

Arrival of Gen. Hooker—Retiring of Gen. Porter, and his Address—Confidence and Good Feeling Increasing in the Army.

WARRENTON, Va., Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1862.

The chief event of interest to-day is the arrival of Maj. Gen. HOOKER, who takes command of the Fifth Army Corps, just vacated by the recall of Gen. FREDERICK PORTER. No man, next to Gen. BURNSIDE himself, carries with him more truly the heart of the army, or inspires more genuine enthusiasm. There is everywhere a manifestation of sincere pleasure at his recovery and return to the army. No event, under the circumstances, could more effectively reassure and encourage the troops.

Gen. PORTER's address to his command, in taking leave, is heard herewith. It deals mostly with matters personal to the staff, and recites the achievements of the past. Like the leave-taking of Gen. McCLELLAN, the country will hardly fail to notice in the absence of all mention of the successor in command. The last paragraph is the best, and is timely. A similar exhortation to duty and patriotism would not have been alien in the address of the retiring chief of the army, where there has been so much of open and mutinous opposition to the orders of the President. The malcontents having mostly retired, however, affairs are becoming more quiet, and the prediction, uttered by various men wearing the insignia of office, that "the country had gone to the d—n," "that the soldiers would revolt," etc., are happily proving fallacious. Confidence and good feeling are fast increasing. Under the new leadership the country may look with confidence for new energy to be infused into the conduct of affairs.

The railroad is in good running order, and the necessary supplies are fast coming forward. E. S.

The Visit of Gen. Halleck and Nelson—Work the Order of the Day—The Prince de Joinville Corrected—A Reconnoissance, &c.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Nov. 13, 1862.

Gen. HALLECK and United States Quartermaster MATOS came up from Washington by special train yesterday afternoon, and held an interview with Gen. BURNSIDE at the Warren Green Hotel. They have returned again. What the nature of their business may be surmised, but the particular topics discussed during the conference remain a secret. Twenty Generals of the army, including two or three Major-Generals, called at headquarters yesterday. A large amount of pomp, circumstance and state, which attended upon the old régime have disappeared, and officers of the various Staffs seem to find plenty of employment for their spare time. Novel reading, political discussions, "Eucher" and long talks as to the merits of the army will be exchanged

for more active and useful employments. So mote it be. The country's time is precious.

The Prince de Joinville, who, I observe, has taken to the business of a reporter, does an act of injustice, and mistakes fact, in giving to "WARREN" the credit of having organized the Fifth New-York Zouaves. Every one at all familiar with the early history of the volunteer regiments formed in New-York, remembers that Col. (now Brig.-Gen.) DUANE organized that regiment and placed it in the field—one of the best, if not the most perfect, organizations which New-York sent to the war. Lieut.-Col. WARREN had nothing to do with the regiment, I learn, until it arrived at Fortress Monroe. The Prince, of course, will stand corrected on this little matter of history, which is only an act of justice to one of the best soldiers of the Union army. I am informed there are now over seven hundred officers, from Major-Generals down to Lieutenants, in the Union army, who have come from the National Guard of New-York—Gen. DUANE's old and favorite regiment.

A reconnoissance around the flank and rear of the army has just been made by Col. DRYDEN, commanding the Sixth New-York Cavalry, with four officers of this regiment attached to headquarters. The object was to ascertain if any force of the enemy had got possession of points in that vicinity. He marched from Orleans to Barbours' Cross-roads, where he established his headquarters, and sent scouts to the neighborhood of Chester Gap and Markham, near Manassas Gap, and on the several roads leading toward the ridge. He returned at daylight, without finding any trace of the enemy. A party sent, at daylight, to Sandy Hook, ascertained that six hundred rebel cavalry had entered that place the day previous. Part of the command then proceeded to Markham, where they found a surgeon and twenty men of the Fifth United States Cavalry, who had been paroled the day before by an officer of the Second Virginia Cavalry. They drove the rebel pickets from the town and captured one of the Seventh Virginia, and then proceeded through Piedmont and Rectortown to Salem. The rest of the command advanced by the cross-roads from Barbours to Salem, meeting none but straggling guerrillas, who fled at their approach. The party returned to Warrenton and Rappahannock Mountain. The reconnoissance demonstrated that there was but two regiments of rebel cavalry on this side of the ridge to the north and east of Chester Gap, and no infantry or artillery. Reports from the front indicate that all is quiet. E. S.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Nov. 14.

THE TEMPER OF THE ARMY.

Advices from the TIMES' correspondents at Warrenton give encouraging accounts of the condition and temper of the army. One General officer, however, noted for intemperate habits, brilliant oratorical powers, lack of military qualities, and devotion to Gen. McCLELLAN, has used insulting language to Gen. BURNSIDE, for which he has as yet not been punished.

THE MAINE REGIMENTS IN FRONT.

Gov. WASHBURN returned this evening from a visit to the Maine regiments in front, and reports the best state of feeling, and great confidence in Gen. BURNSIDE.

THE MASSACHUSETTS TROOPS.

Senator WILSON goes to Warrenton to-morrow, to visit the Massachusetts troops and ascertain their condition and wants.

RUMOR ABOUT JACKSON.

Deserters from the rebels report Jackson to be marching with seventy-five thousand men on Cumberland. The report is discredited here, especially as regards his force. He is undoubtedly in the Shenandoah Valley or further west, while Lee is believed to have his headquarters at Culpepper.

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE.

A voluminous report of the diplomatic correspondence arising out of the rebellion, by Secretary SWANWICK, will be presented to Congress on the opening of the session.

OFFICERS IN KENTUCKY TO BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

Information having been received by the War Department that certain military commanders in Kentucky have, in violation of the act of Congress, been returning fugitive slaves from within our lines to loyal as well as rebel masters, the Secretary of War has ordered the report of alleged transactions to be made to the War Department, in order that officers thus violating the laws of the United States may be duly punished.

ARRIVAL OF GEN. FREMONT.

Gen. FREMONT arrived to-day, and has taken rooms at No. 283 E-street.

SECRETARY SMITH'S SUCCESSOR.

It is confidently asserted by the friends of Judge UHAR, present Assistant Secretary of the Interior, that he will succeed to the Department upon the resignation of its present head. It is even asserted that the President has promised to appoint him in case of a vacancy.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS POSTPONED.

In consequence of the difficulty in finding proper officers unemphatically to constitute the Military Commissions to investigate the charges against Gen. BEULAH, Gen. FREDERICK PORTER, and other prominent commanders, accused of grave misdemeanors, it is understood that these trials are for the present postponed. This news, if true, will be received by the country with feelings the opposite of satisfaction. The public good, no less than justice, demands that these proposed investigations be made.

EXEMPTION RIGHTS ON ROCK ISLAND.

A number of squatters, having recently made application to the General Land Office to be allowed preemption rights of settlement on Rock Island, in the Mississippi River, the Secretary of the Interior referred to the Attorney-General the question whether the island was a part of the public lands, subject to the preemption laws. The Attorney-General has recommended in an elaborate opinion, in which he holds that Rock Island, having been reserved out of the public lands by the Executive for military purposes, under the authority of the act of 1860, is not subject to preemption or sale under the General Land Laws of the United States, and that the alleged relinquishment of the reservation by the War Department in 1846 was without authority, and, therefore, did not operate to restore the island to the mass of the public lands—the power to relinquish a military reservation belonging not to the Executive, but to Congress. Besides the importance in ascertaining the rights of the Government to an island so valuable for military purposes, this opinion contains an interesting discussion of the limitations of Executive power.

THE STORIES OF DISAFFECTION.

The statements sent from this city lately to a New-York journal and published in regard to disaffection in the Army of the Potomac, have been regarded as so incendiary as to cause serious danger of the arrest of the parties responsible for their appearance. They impeach alike the loyalty of the army and the

characters of the Generals to whom their authors profess to be friendly.

BLOCKADE RUNNERS CAUGHT.

The *Freedom*, which arrived at the Navy-yard yesterday, brought up six men captured while attempting to convey goods across the river into Virginia. They were sent to the Old Capitol Prison.

GEN. HUNTER'S STAFF.

The general staff of the Department of the South (Tenth Army Corps) will consist of the following officers:

Lieut.-Col. CHAS. E. HALPIN, Assistant Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff.
Maj. EDWARD W. SMITH, Assistant Adjutant-General.
Lieut. ISRAEL R. SEALEY, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.
Lieut.-Col. J. H. WILSON, Assistant Inspector-General.
Lieut.-Col. A. J. ELWELL, Chief Quartermaster.
Lieut.-Col. M. R. MORGAN, Chief Commissary of Subsistence.
Capt. THOMPSON, Depot Commissary.
Maj. GILSON SMITH, Judge-Advocate.
Surgeon CHAS. H. CROWE, Medical Director.
Lieut. HORACE PORTER, Chief of Ordnance.
Capt. JACKSON, Chief of Artillery.
Maj. EDWARD W. WRIGHT, Senior Aid-de-Camp.
Capt. S. W. STOCKTON, Aid-de-Camp.
Capt. ARTHUR M. KENNIE, Aid-de-Camp.
Capt. VOLNEY HICKOX, Aid-de-Camp.
Lieut. CHAS. H. HAY, Aid-de-Camp.

A DANGEROUS CHARACTER NAMED.

Col. ROBINSON, Provost-Marshal General of the Eleventh Army Corps, sent yesterday from Gainesville a man named PARIAUX KAUS, residing near Bull Run Railroad bridge. He is charged with being one of the party who lately placed obstructions upon the railroad near that point, causing the train to be thrown off the track and its capture by the rebels. He was sent to the Old Capitol Prison, along with two prisoners of war, who were sent from the same place.

GUARDING THE OVERLAND ROUTE.

Gen. POPE has established a regiment of mounted men upon the plains, especially such portions as have been reported to be infested with hostile Indian bands, and hereafter there can be no doubt about the safety of the route between the river and California.

THE MINNESOTA INDIAN QUESTION.

Great excitement exists in Minnesota, according to official accounts received here, in consequence of the determination of the President not to inflict capital punishment on the guilty Indians there, except in the cases of the ring-leaders. The exasperation of the people, swarming under the effect of the late outrages, is very great, and it is not impossible that serious difficulties may yet result from this cause.

FRAUDS IN TREASURY NOTES, &c.

A Committee of Investigation is expected to be appointed immediately on the reassembling of Congress, in consequence of allegations of gross frauds perpetrated in the manufacture of Treasury Notes and Postal Currency bills.

THE CITY DEFENCES.

A tour of visitation was made to-day by Gen. HUNTER of the defenses of the city east of the Potomac.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

All the rebel prisoners now confined in the Old Capitol Prison, including a hundred and thirty brought in to-day, will be sent to Alken's Landing to be exchanged.

THE CONValesCENT CAMP AGAIN.

Distressing reports of the condition of the convalescent camp near Alexandria, again begin to reach us. It is said to be in horrible condition—the sick lying in tents on the ground, without even straw for beds or blankets for covering. Convalescents are sent here immediately on being discharged from the hospitals, and their circumstances are such as directly to invite relapse and a speedy return.

GEN. GORMAN.

Gen. GORMAN has not been relieved of his command, but is here on leave of absence.

HOSPITAL DELIVERY.

Five hundred patients were sent from hospitals here Wednesday, to Philadelphia.

GEN. GROVER.

This officer has been relieved from his command in the Army of the Potomac, and will be ordered South.

ARRIVAL OF CONTRABANDS.

Several hundred contrabands arrived here yesterday from Fortress Monroe. They were sent to "Camp Contraband," where they will be provided for until places can be found for them.

MEDICAL CHANGES.

Surgeon LAMA, Medical Purveyor here, is relieved, and Medical Storekeeper HANBY JOHNSON detailed as Acting Purveyor.

The resignation of Surgeon JAMES KINO, United States Volunteers, is permitted, in order to enable him to accept the appointment of Surgeon-General of the State of Pennsylvania.

Surgeon E. PEARL, United States Volunteers, has been detailed for duty at Brattleboro, Vt., to examine drafted militia.

Surgeon J. V. Z. BLANCK, United States Volunteers, has been ordered to report to Gen. VIAZ, at Norfolk, Va.

Proposals for \$200,000 worth of goods for supplying the Indians under treaty regulations, will be advertised in a few days by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Nov. 14.

OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Most curiosity is manifested to ascertain the purport of the recent interviews between Lord Lyons and Secretary SWANWICK. The desire is not at present likely to be gratified. But enough is known to warrant the statement that nothing whatever of an official character has been received from England or any other European Power, even indicating an intention to interfere with our political affairs in connection with the recognition of Southern independence.

THE ATTACK ON IMBODEN'S CAMP.

The following dispatch has been received at the Headquarters of the Army in this city:

CINCINNATI, Headquarters, Nov. 12, 1862.

Maj.-Gen. H. W. HALLECK, General-in-Chief, Washington.

Gen. KALTY on the 10th inst. attacked Col. IMBODEN's camp, eighteen miles south of Moorefield, Hardy County, Va., routed him completely, killing and wounding many, and capturing his camp, fifty prisoners, a quantity of arms, and a large number of horses, cattle, hogs, wagons, &c. The rebels were entirely dispersed, and fled to the mountains.

H. G. WRIGHT, Major-General Commanding.

PRISONERS FROM THE FRONT.

This morning one hundred and thirty-six rebel prisoners were brought to this city under the charge of Capt. W. F. GAZART, and the two companies of the Second District of Columbia Regiment, recently reported captured. These prisoners have all been taken within the past few days in and about Warrenton. Included in the number are one Colonel, three Lieutenant-Colonels, seven Surgeons, two Captains, and three Second Lieutenants. They were all escorted to the Provost-Marshal's office, with the view of effecting their immediate exchange.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM IOWA.

Iowa is the first State to send to the General Land Office official notice, which was received yesterday, of her acceptance of the proportion of the lands appropriated, during the late session of Congress, for the

benefit of all the States in the formation of colleges for the promotion of agriculture and the mechanic arts.

POST-OFFICE CONTRACTS.

The Post-office Department, to-day, awarded the contracts for carrying the following named mails east of the Cascade Mountains to St. Louis: A. MULLER, of Walla Walla, Washington Territory, via: Routes from Walla Walla to Colville; from Walla Walla to Bear River Valley, and from Walla Walla to Lewiston, to Pierce City, and Florence and Elk Cities. The amount allowed for these services is \$24,000. The routes pass through rich and extensive gold mining regions. It is estimated that 30,000 miners are now at work in the gold districts in Washington Territory, east of the Cascade Range, and they will be accommodated in mail facilities by the contract.

REVENUE DECISION.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has made the following decision: All life insurance policies are subject to stamp duty. Where the policy is conditioned, that assured is to pay a certain sum annually or at other stated periods, receipts for such payment are not subject to stamp duty. If the policy is executed by limitation or by non-filment of the conditions of the assured, the renewal or revival of the policy, in whatever form made, will be subject to stamp tax. Permits or agreements, by which the terms of a policy are waived or changed, in any respect, are subject to stamp as agreements.

TO REPORT TO GEN. BANKS.

Gens. ACOGA and GAOVA are relieved from duty in the Army of the Potomac, and ordered to report to Gen. BANKS.

PRIZE MONEY.

The prize money in the cases of captured vessels by the navy, is paid by the Navy Agent at Washington as soon as the prize list relating to any vessel is prepared, and the money ready for distribution. Due notice will be given by the Navy Agent in the newspapers.

THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE HAS DECIDED THAT PARTIES USING REVENUE STAMPS MAY CANCEL THE SAME BY STAMPING UPON IT THEIR INITIALS, WITH THE DATE, IN LIEU OF WRITING UPON THEM, AS HERETOFORE.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Acting-Assistant Paymaster FAIRFIELD has been ordered to the steam gunboat *Patola*.

Acting-Master ISAAC D. STIVERS has been detached from the *Weehauk* and ordered to the iron-clad steamer *Galena*.

Acting-Master BAWMAN W. LORING has been detached from the *Galena* and ordered to the *Weehauk*.

A COUNTERFEIT.

Counterfeit "ones" on the Farmers' Bank of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, are in circulation here.

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY.

Applications for the entry of goods unaccompanied by a consular certificate must be made to collectors, and not to the Treasury Department direct. Importers, by pursuing this course, will save several days' delay.

ITEMS OF SOUTHERN NEWS.

Files of Charleston papers from the 31st ult. to the 4th inst., inclusive, have been received. They contain nothing of special interest.

HOWELL COOK, with his Brigade, had been ordered to report to BRAGGARD at Charleston.

A sale of 46 negroes, principally women and children, averaged \$568 each.

Complais are made of attempt under cover of authority, to rob free negroes of their blankets and carpets.

The *Mercury* says the South should not encourage their expectation as to recognition.

The *Counter* discusses the evils of peace, remarking, in conclusion: "If we permit them to improve upon us again with their false professions, the Yankees will do us infinitely greater injury, after the war has terminated, than they can do us while the conflict is going on."

IMPORTANT ARRESTS.

Two of Gen. McClellan's Staff Officers Taken to Washington.

OTHER ARRESTS PROBABLE.

TRENTON, N. J., Friday, Nov. 14.

Lieut.-Colonels A. P. COLBURN and J. C. DEANE, of the Engineer Corps, both belonging to the Staff of Gen. McCLELLAN, were sent to Washington this morning, under arrest.

It is said that the orders were received by an officer of the United States Army in this city, and that the persons named repaired at once to Washington to place themselves at the disposal of the authorities.

A report prevails here that other members of Gen. McCLELLAN's Staff are to be put under arrest.

The charges against them are unknown.

A large number of the citizens of Trenton and others are paying their respects, this morning, to the recent Commander of the Army of the Potomac.

The State-street House is thronged with persons anxious to greet him, despite his wish to remain perfectly quiet.

A deputation is on its way from Philadelphia to pay him their respects.

FROM TORONTO.

BURNING OF THE ROSSIN HOUSE—A NUMBER OF LIVES SUPPOSED TO BE LOST.

TORONTO, C. W., Friday, Nov. 14.

The Rossin House, the largest hotel in Canada, was destroyed by fire this morning, together with all the stores and shops in the building.

A number of lives are supposed to be lost, including a man named GLENN, and one or two soldiers who were assisting in removing the furniture.

The guests were all saved.

The loss is very heavy.

The hotel is insured for \$60,000.

COMPLIMENTARY OVATION TO GEN. BANKS.

AMUSEMENT

FOR A VERY FEW DAYS ONLY.
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THE
ESQUIMAUX FAMILY.



ESKIMAUZ FAMILY.
ESKIMAUZ FAMILY.
 ing of a man, woman, and child
 to this country from Dan Strate, Greenland,
 C. F. HALL, Esq., ARCTIC EXPLORER.
 will be on exhibition from 10 A. M. till 12 M., from
 and from six till 10 P. M.

ONE WEEK MORE.
OF
COMMODORE HUTT,

COMMODORE NUTT,
THE
\$33,000 NUTT.
is just returned from Washington, where he has
in honor of appearing before
PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND HIS CABINET,
as the
EMBASSADORS FROM FOREIGN COURTS.
From him he has received many valuable graces,
is nearly ready to sail for Europe, he cannot see.

REMAIN HERE BUT A FEW DAYS.
REMAIN HERE BUT A FEW DAYS.
Will be seen
AT ALL HOURS, DAY AND EVENING--
intervals, and on the stage, during each dramatic
interval, will
LIVE A VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES.
ing songs, dances, military drill, relate his history.
Also to be seen

MADAGASCAR ALBINO FAMILY.
and beautiful
LIFE-LIKE WAX FIGURES
OF GEN. HALLECK, GEN. BURNSIDE,
N. BANKS, GEN. POPE, GEN. CORCORAN,
GEN. McCLELLAN,
the glorious old hero and patriot
COMMODORE FOOTE.
an exact likeness of that glorious creature. The

WHAT IS IT
JEFF DAVIS and REAUREGARD,
the cause of this rebellion. WHAT IS IT?
life likenesses of
HEN VICTORIA and the PRINCE OF WALES.
OLD ADAMS' CALIFORNIA
PERFORMING BEARS
seen day and evening, and, at intervals, will
PERFORM VARIOUS ASTOUNDING TRICKS

BEAUTIFUL COLORED TROPICAL FISH,
G MONSTER SNAKES, LIVING HAPPY FAM-
AX FIGURES, and a million other wonders.
BUCKSTONE'S GREAT DRAMA,
ISABELLE; OR, WOMAN'S LIFE.
THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING,
at 3 and 7½ o'clock.
WM. B. HARRISON, Impromptu Comic Singer.
at each performance.

session to all, 25 cents; children under ten, 15 cents.

BANVARD'S
SEA OF GALILEE,
OPEN DAY AND EVENING.
TRUYVESANT INSTITUTE.
No. 650 Broadway.
session 25 cents.

**E. CHAPEL—THIRD MONTH OF TIE-
L'S CALIFORNIA—Evenings at 7½. Wednes-
-Saturday afternoons at 3½. Admission 25 cents.
-exhibitions given to schools, societies, etc., on
-erms. In compliance with a general wish, a few
-N TICKETS will be issued, at 50 cents each.**

DANCING.
DWORTH'S DANCING ACADEMIES,
No. 204 5th-av., New-York.

No. 137 Montague-st., Brooklyn.
-YORK CLASSES on WEDNESDAYS and
-DAYS.
-OLYN CLASSES on TUESDAYS and FRI-
-day and Afternoon Classes for young ladies and
-n. Evening Classes for gentlemen.
-es now open. Pupils can commence at any time,
-lar of terms, &c., may be had at either academy.

MUSICAL.
GREAT TRIUMPH.
INWAY & SONS, Nos. 82 and 84 Walker-st., N
ve been awarded a first-prize medal at the Great In
onal Exhibition, London, "for powerful clear
and melodious tones."

and sympathetic tone; with excellent workmanship shown in grand and square pianos." "There were 268 pianos from all parts of the world entered for competition; and the special correspondent of the *New York Times* says: "The jury's indorsement by the Jurors is emphatic and stronger and more to the point than that of any other maker."

BOARDMAN, GRAY & CO.

re on hand new PIANOS, for sale and to rent,
At No. 726 Broadway.
supply of their elegant COTTAGE PIANOS.

**URGESTECK'S INIMITABLE GRAND
D SQUARE PIANO-FORTES.**—Manufactory
rooms No. 113 Walker-st., corner of Centre,
N.Y. Invite the attention of the public to my
newly-improved Overstrung Grand and Square
Pianos, which for their peculiar musical qualities of

power of durability stand, unsurpassed. Every
warranted for five years. **GEO. STECK.**

ARCH ORGANS.—FOR SALE—1 TWELVE-
sub-bass and pedals; 1 six-stops, with pedals; 1
stand, with four stops, in complete order, price
\$400. 3 six-stops, walnut case, price \$400.
W. H. DAVIS, No. 40 Downing-st., New-York.

RISTER.—WANTED, A CHORISTER FOR

DRY GOODS.
BROADWAY.
Gold Window Shades.
Buff Holland Window Shades.

White do. do. do.
Green do. do. do.
Wire Shades at 50c. per foot.
prices not advanced.

G. L. & J. B. KELTY

CURTAINS.
NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS,

MUSLIN CURTAINS,
DAMASK CURTAINS,
IN DELAINE CURTAINS,
BROCCATEL CURTAINS,
CORNICES, CORDS, TASSELS
GIMP, &c.
prices not advanced.

CUSHMAN & BROOKS,
No. 463 6th-av., corner of 28th-st.
NG OUT OUR PARIS FLOWERS, 6s., 8c.
price, 2s.
NG OUT OUR STRAW BONNETS, 25c. to
price, 75c. to \$1.
NG OUT OUR RIBBONS MUCH BELOW

CHOICE FURS
No. 49 Broadway (up stairs.)
SIGMOND GOGÉ,
Manufacturer of Ladies' Fine Furs.

LOST AND FOUND.
REWARD.—STOLEN FROM THE SAG
 Harbor Savings Bank on the night of Oct. 31.
 following bonds and notes:
 S. 73-10 Treasury Notes, \$500 each, 19th Au-
 g., numbered B. 3,389; A. 3,391; E. 3,397; C.
 enty fifties, 73-10 Treasury Notes, interest pay-
 February and August; numbered from 2,343 to

3
S. Bonds for \$500 each, coupons of 6 per cent. of 1961, Nos. 3,654, 3,689.
Bonds are captioned against negotiating the above
reward will be paid by me on recovery of
any, and no questions asked.

ON THE 12TH INST., SOMEWHERE BETWEEN the freight depot of New-York and New-Haven and Pier No. 7 North River, one box of hardware, (Catherine Strong, Philadelphia, Pa.) The find- liberally rewarded by sending the box to the depot, corner of Elm and Franklin sts.
CHAS. ROCKWELL, Agent.

STATIONERY.
THE BEST AND CHEAPEST INK.
 CAN UNION INK, jet black, flows freely, and
 corrodes. Sold at No. Ludlow-st., and at the
 JASSED KEY.
 PRINTING AT LOW PRICES.

G. A. WHITEHORNE,
No. 42 AND-st., four doors from Nassau.

SEWING MACHINES.

FIRST-CLASS SEWING MACHINES.
as Singer's, Wheeler & Wilson's, Finkle & Ly-
art down, and

Howe's, for sale on part payment.
monthly installments. F. H. DIAMOND, No. 101
7th St.

Visit of Gen. Butler and Staff to the French War Steamer Catinet.

Each road over, ordered the Eighth New-Hampshire, *in line of battle across the road, the Thirteenth Connecticut to form on the right, and ordered them forward to engage in force. They had scarcely commenced moving when the Thirteenth Connecticut crossed a double creek from across the bayou, and immediately opened fire in reserve. Consequently, the two regiments of the Eighth New-Hampshire and the Thirteenth Connecticut moved in different directions of direction, they became completely separated and were unable to throw the Thirteenth Connecticut on either side between the two. I ordered the regiment to follow a line of battle. The line this day was advanced steadily at its own pace forward. In a short time the enemy was completely routed, and the victory was complete. The result of the*

After having ascertained that the battery had three companies, these companies, which were under the command of Capt. F. M. Frazar, were called to take their places in the regiment. Company E having lost its battery commander, Capt. Frazar, and all being in the line, Capt. Frazar, only seconded by Lieutenant Kelly, called on his regiment to "go in" and in they went, the ruffs and shells of the enemy flying around them. The first company to go in was Company E, and then to the ranks. Little heed they paid to that. On they went, through the underbrush, over fences and over the heads of the enemy, and all the while their fire, which was done with such exactness as to make the immediate staffs of the battery. The same sharp shells had been prepared, but for this purpose they could not get out of the Twelfth Company, which had formed the left wing, and the battery was not successful in firing the shells.

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The very last fire, then, results in no smoke, no flash, no momentary concussion, and the complete success of a grand idea. The first charge consisted of 1 lb. of powder, and a 10-inch sand, (350 grains), and out of that 10-inch gun, it scattered 17 shells.

The horses sold for prices varying from \$1 to \$21.
The cattle and the able-bodied contrabands were taken
from here and Hampton to Washington, D. C., and
those unable to labor were sent to Newport's News
and all the contrabands are being returned from
Newport's News to Craney Island.
The United States garrison *Corvette*, Capt. Mize
HARTY, arrived at Fortress Monroe this afternoon,
from the Gulf. Among the passengers is EZE-
KIEL HENRIKSEN, Danish Consul-General for the Gov-
ernment.

The European at Boston.
Boston, Saturday, Nov. 15.—A M.
The *Europa* is signaled off Cape Cod and
will be here about six o'clock tonight.

**This might all be accepted, if I were to say that the
ment state had been a vision.**

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The boat is signaled off Cape Cod and
 then taken back at 8 o'clock tonight.

severed from her alliance by the plots or blandishments of any of the Courts of Europe.

which appeared in the Buffalo Courier with this address: "Have taken the liberty of writing to the American Minister, and with Mr. Shillid. I wished to ascertain from that person his opinion in regard to the liberty of arbitration in the case between Europe and the United States. I do not give him independence in either the North, by *Cameroon* interference." I replied, "You will force the North to fight the South, and the South, not to fight the North, and you will lose the sympathy of foreign Governments, and with it all hopes of independence. Independence may secure it, with the sacrifice of Slavery."

—The *Harriaburg Telegraph* of November 10, in noticing Gen. Cameron's return to his private residence near that city says:

"The mission of Gen. CAMERON to Russia has been an entire success. The bonds of friendship between the United States and Russia have been increased and strengthened; and whatever may be the policy of the United States to maintain their nationality and vindicate their authority by placing a garrison in the country so long troubled by the peace of this country, and so severely interrupted the business and commerce of the world, the Federal Government will be able to do so, and Russia, who connects

A copy of this resolution was forwarded to the board of directors of the National Audubon Society, and the board has decided that no animals of the above kind have been seen offered for purchase.

Mr. E. W. Brown, of Chester, N. H., has done us the honor to inform us that he is the father of eleven children—twelve sons and six daughters—fifteen of whom are still living, and seven of his sons are now serving their country in the army. One of them is a private in the 10th Maine Cavalry.

Mr. E. W. F. Brown, of the Seventh New Hampshire Cavalry, has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

Rev. Gerrard Allen, D. D., President of Jeffersonian College for six years past, has tendered his resignation, and has received an appointment as chaplain in the army. Rev. Dr. Ruldr, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Pittsford, but recently of Jersey City, has been selected to be successor in the presidency of the college.

Mr. George W. Brown has been appointed Post Commissioner for Bowling Green, Ky., and has entered upon his duties. Mr. Bruce has been assigned to a more important command, and, with an adequate force, will be sent to the Southern States, with the purpose of suppressing the guerilla bands of the rebels.

—Thomas Brown, special agent of the Treasury Department, arrived in San Francisco, Cal., on the 18th inst., by the *Granada*. Mr. Brown, who is a member of the Ohio Farmer, was accompanied by his family in his private matters in connection with the

no evidence of an apprehension of dimity, but only of a determination to stand by the rights of the Government to guard one of the weak points of the Empire.

With that ardent desire to preserve peace, which is the natural accompaniment of a just appreciation of the horrors of war, the British Government has from the first scrupulously maintained a position of rigid neutrality in the great civil conflict, which has so far destroyed the soil of the glorious Republic with blood. The Federal States, in a condition of irritability incident to the distressing phase through which the country is passing, have been ready to imagine that they were injured and insulted, when there was not the least ground for the pretence. The recollection of the wrongs done to the South by the English in the *Trent* imbroglio, were so inevitably the result of the situation, and so plainly in accord with the practice and the duty of nations that they could not possibly be made the ground of a just repudiation on the part of the Federal States. But we know, as a matter of fact, that they were made the cause of great irritation against England. The great Powers of Europe seem to have respected to some extent the prelatinal sensitiveness of the Northern States. But the arms of those States have not been able to reach the South, and the repudiation of the seceded States. The Government of the Government, in maintaining its position so successfully against the seceded States, has not only preserved the integrity of the Union, but has also secured the peace of the world, and the safety of the Republic.

	Per Cent.	Rate.		Per Cent.	Rate.
U. S. 5s. 1861	103 1/2	103 1/2	N. Y. Central	102 1/2	102 1/2
U. S. 5s. 1874	92	91 1/2	Eric Common	61	61 1/2
Treasury Bonds 101	101 1/2	101 1/2	Eric Preferred	95 1/2	95 1/2
U. S. 6s. Notes	125 1/2	125 1/2	Union	74	74
Missouri	51 1/2	51 1/2	Mich. Central	8 1/2	8 1/2
Illinois	51 1/2	51 1/2	N. Y. & N. H. Central	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1861	118 1/2	118 1/2	Illinois Central	10 1/2	10 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1865	115	115	Delaware	6 1/2	6 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1880	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va.	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1890	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 2d	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1895	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 3d	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1900	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 4th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1905	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 5th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1910	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 6th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1915	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 7th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1920	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 8th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1925	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 9th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1930	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 10th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1935	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 11th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1940	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 12th	5 1/2	5 1/2
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Pa. 6s. 1955	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 15th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1960	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 16th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1965	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 17th	5 1/2	5 1/2
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Pa. 6s. 1975	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 19th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1980	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 20th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1985	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 21st	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1990	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 22nd	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 1995	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 23rd	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2000	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 24th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2005	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 25th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2010	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 26th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2015	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 27th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2020	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 28th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2025	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 29th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2030	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 30th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2035	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 31st	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2040	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 32nd	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2045	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 33rd	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2050	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 34th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2055	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 35th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2060	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 36th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2065	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 37th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2070	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 38th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2075	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 39th	5 1/2	5 1/2
Pa. 6s. 2080	115 1/2	115 1/2	W. Va. & N. Va. 40th	5 1/2	5 1/2
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is sworn in behalf of the Mission Sabbath School

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a person capable of doing the coachman
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running his business the right way. Address: P. O. Box No. 203
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FROM GEN. BURNSIDE'S ARMY.

Sturgis' Division Crossing the Rappahannock on Saturday.

An Abortive Rebel Attempt on the Subsistence Train.

IMPORTANT GENERAL ORDERS.

The Army Divided into Three Grand Divisions.

The Right Commanded by Gen. Sumner, the Left by Gen. Franklin, and the Centre by Gen. Hooker.

A Reserve Division Commanded by General Sigel.

Washington, Sunday, Nov. 16. A dispatch from Headquarters Army of the Potomac, dated this morning, says there was nothing important to communicate.

ATTACK ON STURGIS' SUPPLY TRAIN.

Washington, Sunday, Nov. 16. While Gen. STURGIS' Division was crossing the Rappahannock, near Sulphur Springs, on Saturday, his supply train, in the rear of the division, was attacked by about five hundred rebels with artillery. His force immediately turned and drove them off, taking a number of prisoners, and losing only a few horses killed by their artillery.

IMPORTANT ORDERS FROM GEN. BURNSIDE.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, NOV. 16, 1862.

GENERAL ORDER, NO. 184.—First.—The organization of a portion of this army into three grand divisions is hereby announced. These grand divisions will be formed and commanded as follows:

The Second and Ninth Corps will form the right Grand Division, and will be commanded by Maj.-Gen. E. V. SUMNER.

The First and Sixth Corps will form the left Grand Division, and will be commanded by Maj.-Gen. W. B. FRANKLIN.

The Third and Fifth Corps will form the centre Grand Division, and will be commanded by Maj.-Gen. JOSEPH HOOKER.

The Eleventh Corps, with such other troops as may hereafter be assigned to it, will constitute a reserve force, under command of Maj.-Gen. SIGEL.

Assignments of cavalry and further details will be announced in further orders.

Second.—In accordance with instructions from the Department, the Commanders of these Grand Divisions will have power to decide such questions relating to the interior management of their commands, as are now forwarded to these headquarters for final action.

Maj.-Gen. SIGEL will exercise all the powers in respect to his command above assigned, as to the Commanders of the Grand Divisions.

Third.—The cases which can be fully decided by the Department at Washington they will forward directly to that Department without reference to these headquarters.

All matters relating to movements of troops, together with returns, reports, &c., will be forwarded to these headquarters as usual.

The Commanders of these Grand Divisions will retain with them their respective Staffs.

Fourth.—The senior officers of the Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Corps will take the command of these corps, and will forward to these headquarters a list of recommendations of officers to fill their Staffs.

Fifth.—Brig.-Gen. S. WILLIAMS, A. A. G., is appointed Inspector-General of the Adjutant-General's Department of this Army.

Sixth.—Lieut.-Col. JOSEPH A. HARRIS, Adj.-Gen. of Camp, and acting A. A. G., will act as Assistant Inspector-General in the same department.

The heads of the various Staff Departments at these headquarters, other than the Adjutant-General and his deputy, will remain as heretofore until further orders.

Seventh.—Lieut.-Col. LAWIS RICHMOND, Assistant Adjutant-General, is announced as a General at these headquarters.

Eighth.—All orders conflicting with these are hereby rescinded. By command of

Major-General BURNSIDE.

S. WILLIAMS, Assistant Adjutant-General.

INTERESTING FROM KEY WEST.

A Half-Duzen More Prizes for Adjudication.

A New Mail Line—The Yellow Fever—Contributions for the Soldiers—Col. Morgan Vindicated, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Key West, Fla., Sunday, Nov. 9, 1862.

The United States steamer Kensington, Acting Master Frederick Crocker, arrived on the 6th, from a cruise in the Gulf, having on board a small cargo of sugar, captured on a small schooner off Louisiana, and reports the capture of five other vessels, all of which are now on the way here for adjudication.

Another prize came in on the 7th, the English brig Fernosa, of Nassau, N. P., bound from Cienfuegos, Cuba, to New-Orleans, with an assorted cargo of liquors, wines, dry goods, &c. She was captured off the Sabine River, Texas, in the act of preparing to land cargo, by the United States Navy transport Connecticut, Capt. —, and sent here in charge of Acting Master CHARLES W. LEE. The cargo cost \$12,000. The Connecticut has just arrived, and will carry this mail for the North.

The steamer Rio Rio, Capt. DREW, arrived on the 8th from New-York, and was greeted with great joy as the first vessel of what may be expected to become a regular line touching here, both going and coming from Havana. The mails sent for this place by the steamer Rio Rio, to Havana, two days before the sailing of the Rio Rio, are not yet received. It is anxiously hoped that the Mail Department will appreciate that Key West is a traitor's nest, plotting their evil designs against the Government, and is under the control of loyal men; old residents, who have stood firmly and bravely for their flag and country through all the trying times of the past, and will still be found true to the Union in local cooperation with the military command. The common wants of the army, the navy and the citizens, call loudly for a direct and speedy mail, and we speak a natural desire for the proprietors of the Rio Rio.

The United States steamer Santiago de Cuba, Capt.

Rindley, arrived on the 6th from a cruise. Officers and crew all well.

The United States bark Amanda, Acting Volunteer Liant, Wages, arrived on the 6th from the blockade of Apalachicola. All well.

The following notice appears in the Key West New Era of the 5th:

To the Editor of the New Era:

As there seems to be a great misunderstanding in the North as regards the health of this place, I am happy to say that the island is now healthy. We have had no case of fever since the 1st of October, and I think I can safely say we will be entirely free from it for this season. There is no danger in steamers stopping here now.

Very truly yours,

W. F. CORNICKE,

Assistant Surgeon U. S. A.

The citizens of this place have contributed about \$1,200 for the relief of families of volunteers in the United States Army, and this from a small population. One incident deserves particular notice. There is one very devoted loyal woman—an old resident, but of foreign birth—who, unauthorized and entirely from her own impulse, by her individual labor and efforts, collected from her own sex in small sums the amount of \$49.77. Such sterling examples of patriotism are refreshing. May she long live under the flag she loves.

I have just been shown an article in a New-York paper of the 7th October, abusing Col. Morgan commanding this post. Col. Morgan has never issued any manifesto freeing slaves, nor authorized them to occupy any vacant property, whether of loyalists or rebels. He has simply carried out the orders of his superior in command, by using such negroes as were wanted for labor, in doing which he has taken both bond and free. He has refused to interfere between master and slave, except in cases where it has been necessary to preserve the peace, wherein he has protected the negro from personal violence. Loyal men have received back their slaves from the Quartermaster's service upon representation of their need of their services, and there is no disposition to complete Col. Morgan's course, except by those rebel masters who, failing within the category of the Proclamation, cannot swear that they have not aided or assisted in rebellion. Col. Morgan is no Abolitionist; he is a soldier, zealous in the discharge of his duty in his Government, and loyal men here are protected and recognized in his administration of affairs. He has a keen scent for traitors, and failing to wheedle or cajole him, the only way to get on with him is to be fair. I trust they will find it in the latter as in the former. Loyal men are satisfied, and will much more secure under such an officer than one of less marked characteristics.

WEST COAST OF FLORIDA.

The Blockade of Tampa Bay—Description of the Coast—Wretchedness of the Inhabitants—A Small Bombardment, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

UNITED STATES BARK PRESTON, BLOCKADING TAMPA BAY, FLA., Friday, Nov. 7, 1862.

This place has been blockaded since last November by the United States schooner Bear-gard, which still remains here. Our ship came in here the last of September to await supplies from Key West, when we received orders to remain on this station and relieve the Ethan Allen, which was ordered to St. Joseph's Bay on blockading duty.

The Pursuit left New-York last January, and up to the time of coming in here, has been allowed a roving commission, and with considerable success, having captured several valuable prizes. We are lying up the bay far enough to guard the entrance to Manatee River, as well as the passage up to the town of Tampa, which is thirty-five miles distant.

To the west side of the main ship anchorage (north channel) to this bay is Egmont Key; to the east, Mullet Key. These keys are small, low, sandy islands, covered with a rank undergrowth of prairie grass, the palmetto tree and a few stunted pines. The latter key is not inhabited. On the extreme sandy point of Egmont stands the low light-house, one hundred and ten feet above the level of the sea. The light has not been lighted since the rebels destroyed the apparatus last year—another mark of Southern vandalism. The keeper's house is a comfortable two-story brick building, with several other buildings. They are occupied at present by some dozen contrabands and four white refugees, who have escaped from the main land. The contrabands are engaged in clearing the ground and planting sweet potatoes.

Some three weeks ago, three white men, refugees from Southern tyranny, escaped from Tampa in a small boat, and came down to us for protection. They are men of intelligence, and state that they have been using every means to escape for the last nine months, but their Union sentiments were so well known that every attempt proved abortive.

One of them, who formerly belonged to the United States Army, was put in charge of the guns of a small battery near the town, and he has been firing away, but he was all ready to spike the guns in case of an attack by our boats. The other two have been compelled to assist in running sugar from Manatee River to Tampa, since last July. By pretending to have changed their feelings and espoused the cause of the South, they were allowed to load the boat with empty barrels, as usual, to go for sugar, and leave alone. On their way down the bay they stopped for their friend, with whom they had made arrangements previously, in case they succeeded. When they came alongside they gave three hearty cheers for Liberty and the Union.

They gave a sad account of things in this part of the South; that they had to live on corn, sweet potatoes and fresh meat, without salt enough to cure the latter, this useful article bring \$20, \$30, and even \$40 per bushel, when it can be had.

They say there are 125 soldiers at Tampa, and another company expected soon to join them; that they are obstructing the channel, by sinking old hulks, to prevent the Yankee gunboats from coming up to the town. They have two small fortifications, mounting ten old 21-pounders, and are using every means within their power to be prepared for an attack, which they are expecting daily.

The files of Southern, but more especially Floridian papers, which they brought, give a still darker picture of affairs. One hundred and eight thousand men have deserted from their army since the war began, and it is with the greatest difficulty they can carry out the provisions of the late conscription act.

It is almost impossible to sustain the army, the severe drought having cut off the corn crop at least one-half. They curse the Nationals most bitterly for using up all the surplus corn, meat, cattle, &c., as they advance into their territory. Next after the food question, clothing the men seems to be the greatest difficulty, as the cold weather approaches. The following estimate of a soldier's outfit for the coming Winter, every article of which is indispensable, is given by the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Daily Rebel: Fur cap, \$5; one jacket, \$25; one pair pants, \$30; one pair shoes, \$10; two pair socks, (wool,) \$10; two pair drawers, \$5. Total, \$95.

We had a little taste of excitement last week. The schooner Bear-gard, commanded by Acting Master Arata, with Acting Master Larnam and a boat's crew, went out on the 10th, ostensibly to gather oysters. They arrived at night oyster ground just before dark, which is above Gadsden's Point, and about eight miles below Tampa. From there they could distinguish the tops of houses in the town.

The temptation to have a nearer view was too strong to be resisted, so they put on their belts and went ashore. As soon as it was light enough in the morning to see, they found they were about two miles below the town, and that there was an unusual excitement on shore. Nearly abreast of them were several coun-

panies of soldiers drawn up in line on the beach, with fixed bayonets. Near by was a tall flag-staff from which floated a large secession flag. While our friends were admiring this parade, a shot was fired, and they supposed, for their special benefit, they were awakened to their position by the report of one of the twenty-four guns from the fortification, and saw the shot strike in the water at least one mile short of them. This was followed by another, with like success.

The officers of the schooner, thinking it would be a breach of etiquette not to return the salute, trained the 40-pound Parrott rifle, which is a part of her armament, on the battery, and fired. The shell struck, and exploded in a small wooden building in the rear of the fortification, knocking it into splinters. There was no more firing from the fort. The next shell struck just in front of the line of soldiers, and, bursting at the same time, it plowed its way right and left through them, causing those that were able to take to the bush in double-quick time.

After dropping some fifteen shells into the fort and woods, but receiving no response, they concluded the fun was all up in that vicinity; and, gallantly dipping the American ensign to the apparently deserted fort and town, they left for the oyster ground, where they took on board twenty-five barrels of fine oysters, and returned to their old anchorage, having been absent only two days.

I trust the time is not far distant when we shall have the opportunity of making them another and still more effectual visit.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

General Order from the President.

A More Strict Observance of the Sabbath in the Army and Navy Enjoined.

Washington, Sunday, Nov. 16.

The following General Order has been issued respecting the observance of the Sabbath Day in the army and navy:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16, 1862.

The President, Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, desires and enjoins the orderly observance of the Sabbath by the officers and men in the military and naval service. The importance for man and beast of the prescribed weekly rest; the sacred rights of Christian soldiers and sailors; a becoming deference to the best sentiment of a Christian people, and a due regard for the Divine will, demand that Sunday labor in the army and navy be reduced to the measure of strict necessity. The discipline and character of the National forces should not suffer, nor the cause they defend be imperiled by the profanation of the day or name of the Most High. At this time of public distress, adopting the words of Washington, in 1776, "Men may find enough to do in the service of God and their country, without abandoning themselves to vice and immorality." The first order issued by the Father of his country after the Declaration of Independence, indicates the spirit in which our institutions were founded, and should ever be defended. "The General hopes and trusts that every officer and man will endeavor to live and act as becomes a Christian soldier, defending the dearest rights and privileges of his country."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 16.

THE LATE ARRESTS.

The officers of Gen. McClellan's Staff, Col. COLBURN and Capt. DUANE, who were brought here under arrest, are charged with absence without leave, the use of language disrespectful to their commanding officer, and conduct prejudicial to maintenance of order and discipline in the army. Col. Colburn today rode over into Virginia with some friends.

GEN. FREMONT.

Gen. FREMONT has reported for duty, and is directed to remain here awaiting orders. Late advices from St. Louis state that his presence is again required there in connection with the trial of Gen. McKintire.

FOR THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

One thousand convalescents and exchanged prisoners were yesterday sent to the Army of the Potomac.

THE EFFICIENCY OF NEGRO TROOPS.

Very late advices from Kansas and Florida, give the details of engagements between the rebels and United States negro troops, in which the latter behaved with distinguished coolness and courage, and achieved decided successes. The result of these extraordinary fights is such as inspires the rebels with indescribable terror, and bids fair to work important changes in the policy of the Government toward the negroes.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE INDIANS.

Senator POMEROY has memorialized the Government in favor of the consolidation of all the Western Indians in one nation in the Indian territory.

FRAUDS ON THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

It is understood, that as soon as Congress shall meet, a committee will be called for to investigate certain matters connected with the treasury note issues. It is stated, that the contractors are charging and receiving the highest price for a very worthless article of paper, and that in various other ways the Government is being constantly swindled. The quality of the paper used in the postage stamp currency is execrable, the engraving of all the notes, if possible, worse; and instead of being models of art, they are a disgrace to the age and country. Extraneous matter is palmed upon the department as having been executed with the eccentric line, which are actually produced by what is called a Rose, a machine which is in the hands of all who manufacture jewelry, or practice counterfeiting on a large scale. The designs are from old dies, that have already been multiplied by the hundred. The ink is claimed to be patented, and also marked on the notes; but if the ink is green, all who see the notes are not; and a recent test by experienced chemists, has proved that a fraud is perpetrated on the Government, in the use of a spurious article, for which the law imposes heavy penalties.

Secretary Chase may not suspect duplicity in those to whom he has given his confidence, and who maintain their positions by the aid of social and personal influences. Something must be done to stop the time; as parties connected with the money and note contracts are in Washington, apparently much devoted to the House Secretary. It is rumored that a contract for paper has been made with another party, who offered a vastly superior article at lower prices, and

that the old contractors are now moving heaven and earth to get the contract annulled and the old order reestablished.

MRS. BRIDGEMAN AND HER FRIENDS.

A great deal of undesired notoriety being given to the circumstance of a lady calling herself Mrs. Bridgeman having been imprisoned in New-York, and different officials seeming anxious to shift from themselves the responsibility of her arrest, it may be well enough to state that the individual in question is not one whose personal character justifies the excessive and suspicious sympathy which has been lavished upon her by the chivalric knights of Democracy now silencing laudable in her behalf.

Mrs. BRIDGEMAN—to use the *shes* she most affects—came here from New-Orleans after that city had the misfortune to find a ruler who refused to consider treason sanctified by the use of a petticoat. Her associations and conduct were of a character the most suspicious; and she was followed to this city by an officer of Superintendent Kennedy, who finally executed her arrest. He conveyed her to the office of Chief Detective BAXA, who declined to become a party, unnecessarily, to the act of an officer independent in his authority; and after exhausting all the ready resources of female persuasion, she was finally carried back to New-York and placed in prison. The circumstances of her release have been widely published; and Mr. KENNEDY has manifested an undue anxiety to cast the responsibility on the War Department here. But that department, as well as Col. BAXA, one of its agents, has refused from first to last to sanction, condemn, or in any way interfere in the case.

That she is a woman of most dangerous character is believed by all who had an opportunity of witnessing her operations in this city, as well as that she deserves no sympathy on the score of injured reputation. Whether Superintendent KENNEDY should not rather have returned her at once to New-Orleans, is a question of judgment; but that the interruption of her career here deprived the rebels of one of their most effective spies, seems too plain for reasonable doubt.

INDIAN OUTRAGES ON THE UPPER MISSOURI.

Intelligence has been received by Commissioner Deas of the commencement of Indian hostilities along the Upper Missouri. A short time since, a boat containing a number of settlers from the neighborhood of Fort Benton, were attacked, about 150 miles below Fort Berthold, by a large band of "Yankees" and "Medicine Men," who fired volley after volley into the boat, wounding five persons, several severely. The Indians posted themselves on the bank, in a very narrow part of the river, where they knew the boat would have to pass within a few yards of the shore. The persons in the boat made a most spirited resistance, and finally succeeded in making their escape, after killing and wounding a number of the savages. It is considered very unsafe to venture down the Missouri in an open boat, as the banks of the river swarm with hostile Indians, who it is supposed, are congregating there preparatory to a grand onslaught in the Spring on the frontier settlements in Dakota and Nebraska. Every precaution, we learn, is being taken to render the forts on the frontier capable of resisting the anticipated attack, which, from the number of Indians preparing to engage in it, will be the most sanguinary and determined ever made in the Northwest.

FROM ARIZONA.

Letters received here from Arizona state that Gen. CANTRELL, with the main body of the troops under his command, had gone to Santa Fe. Major COLE is in command of the Western Division of Arizona, and has established his headquarters at Tucson. Major FANOUSSE has gone on an expedition to explore the route between Tucson and Port of Liberty, recently opened on the eastern shore of the Gulf of California, near the mouth of the Colorado. The route, when opened, will be used by the Government for transportation purposes.

A report had reached Los Angeles that a band of rebel guerrillas, under the leadership of a notorious outlaw named CUMMINGS, had got into the mining district, and were at La Paz, committing outrages upon the inhabitants. It is thought, however, that the miners will be able to take care of themselves, and either kill or capture the whole band.

The news from the Colorado mining district is very encouraging. Large numbers of people are on their way to the mines, which are said to be very rich. Several extensive silver veins have been discovered a few miles from the river. Native sulphur and saltpetre have also been discovered in large quantities.

NORTHERN COTTON.

The Commissioner of Agriculture has received samples of cotton grown in Pennsylvania, New-Jersey and Southern Illinois. The samples, though not as long in fibres as the Sea Island, are of excellent quality, and superior to those of India cotton.

Governor ANTHONY, of Massachusetts, arrived here on Saturday. The object of his visit is in relation to obtaining discharges for sick soldiers belonging to Massachusetts regiments, and to urge upon the Government the necessity of providing adequate defenses for Boston harbor.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 16.

CAPTURE OF A REBEL MAIL IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Navy Department dispatches contain an account of valuable service rendered by Acting Master's Mate JAMES J. RUSSELL, of the bark Restless. He left Duell's Island on the 5th inst., in a small boat with two contrabands, armed, for Jewell's Landing, Palmetto River, S. C., for the purpose of intercepting the mail between Charleston and Georgetown. He and his friends secreted themselves, and waited for the carrier, who approached in a skiff. Suddenly coming from his concealment, he commanded him to halt by authority of the United States Government. Two mail bags were secured. The carrier said he was to be captured, as he had long been wishing for an opportunity to leave the place. The party barely escaped the rebel pickets, and returned in safety to the ship.

AN ANNOYANCE.

The officer of Internal Revenue is much annoyed at the continued receipt of letters from Assistant Assessors, deputy Collectors and others, asking information regarding business connected with their offices. No attention can be given to their inquiries, as application for information concerning business should be made by subordinate officials to their principal, and not to the Internal Revenue Bureau.

NEWS FROM NASHVILLE.

A Movement on the Manassasboro Road—Morgan's Guerrillas, &c.

Nashville, Sunday, Nov. 16.

Gen. STELL'S Division marched, this morning, on the Manassasboro Road.

Gen. CANTRELL'S Division is at Silver Springs, twelve miles from Lebanon.

A part of MORGAN'S force is at Lebanon; a portion came within two miles of Gen. CANTRELL'S camp. Supplies from the country for the city have greatly increased. The weather is wet and likely to continue so.

LOUISVILLE, Sunday, Nov. 16.

Special dispatches from Nashville to the past week are almost wholly uneventful.

A dispatch from Nashville yesterday, contains an account of five murders, two of soldiers, one of a citizen, and one of a negro. The City Marshal was also assaulted and badly beaten.

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

THE ETNA OFF CAPE RACE.

Mr. Bright Applauding the Emancipation Proclamation.

A Collision Between Italian and Austrian Troops.

THE AFFAIRS OF GREECE UNSETTLED.

Cotton Still Going Up—Breadstuffs and Provisions Dull.

St. Johns, F. N., Saturday, Nov. 15.

The steamship *Etna*, from Liverpool on the 5th, via Queenstown on the 6th inst., passed Cape Race, en route to New-York, at 1 o'clock this afternoon. She was boarded by the news yacht of the Associated Press, and a summary of her news obtained.

The dates per the *Etna* are four days later than those per the *Europa* at Halifax.

The steamship *City of New-York*, from New-York, arrived at Liverpool on the 4th inst.

The steamship *Hibernian*, from Quebec, arrived at Liverpool on the 5th inst.

The political news per the *Etna* is not of any particular importance.

The *Etna* reports that she has experienced very severe weather during the voyage.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The London *Times* again adverts to the action of the New-York Chamber of Commerce touching the steamer *Alabama*, and denies that any blame can be attached to England. It says that shipyards are open to all. England does not fit out ships-of-war, but sells their component parts to all comers. The *Times* then quotes from the message of President PIERCE to Congress in 1856, to show what America considered her neutrality, and what she was justified in doing during the Russian war. The *Times* adds: "England has never gone beyond or fully up to the bounds of the American theory, which is perfectly sound, and English neutrals sit as disciples at the feet of President Pierce."

The London *Daily News* has a very different argument. It says that the Government cannot be answerable for every policy of intervention of obligations which its subjects might be tempted to commit. But looking at the grave charges made against LARSEN's ship-building yard, on the *Mersey*, where a navy to be used against a friendly power is being built, after England has declared her neutrality, it is not the Government bound either to terminate this illegal state of things, or to withdraw its Neutrality Proclamation.

The London *Times* has commented the publication of "special correspondence" from Richmond, a letter dated Oct. 8, in which the writer appears strongly imbued with the spirit of the Secessionists, says: "They suffer terrible desolation, but their spirit of resistance is as high as ever."

The London *Daily News* furnishes evidence from Southern newspapers to show that their military resources are almost exhausted, and that internal dissensions prevail.

JOHN BAIRD, in a letter to Wm. GUYMERE JEWETT, expresses amazement at the idea of cancellation toward the South regarding Slavery. He says: "The North may separate from the South or fight out the contest and win, but to leave the slave still a slave will expose her to the contempt of the civilized world." He adds: "I applaud the Proclamation of President LINCOLN, as does every man in Europe who is not a foe to freedom, or moved by hate hostility to the American Republic because it is a Republic, and a powerful one."

A crowded meeting of the Metropolitan Institution of London, resolutions expressing sympathy with the North were adopted.

Lord JOHN BROMHAM, in a letter, expresses a strong hope that the Government will refrain from interference in case of a servile insurrection in the Southern States.

It was rumored that Lord ELTON had retired from the Governorship of India, owing to the climate not agreeing with him, and that the Duke of Argyll would succeed him.

The Great Exhibition closed without any formal ceremonies. The attendance and total receipts both exceeded those of the Great Exhibition of 1861.

Parliament has been further prorogued until the 13th of January.

The Continental political news is unimportant.

FRANCE.

The Paris Bourse was heavy on the 5th inst., at 70c, 95c, for the Rent.

ITALY.

A collision took place on the frontier between some Italian and Austrian soldiers. After a sharp contest quiet was restored. Each side charges the other with being the aggressor.

GREECE.

The affairs of Greece continued without change. Nothing had been decided as to who should take the place of King OTTO.

It was reported that GAMBALINI had been sound as to his acceptance of the Crown.

INDIA, CHINA AND AUSTRALIA.

The India, China and Australia mail had been telegraphed.

Calcutta, Friday, Oct. 17.

Shirringa and Yarns firm. Exchange, 2s. 3d.

Canton, Friday, Sept. 26.

A serious conspiracy to burn the city and kill the mandarins has been discovered.

Exchange, 4s. 8d.

Shanghai, Sunday, Oct. 19.

Silk higher. Exchange, 6s. 3d.

Malacca, Friday, Sept. 26.

Business dull. Gold exports, one hundred thousand ounces.

Thornton's Gap, through which the supplies for Lee's army were hauled in wagons from Gordonsville and Culpeper.

These gaps are rather dangerous things to be left in the rear of an advancing army. It was through one such that the rebels penetrated to the rear of Gen. Pope, and fell upon him at Manassas, getting completely between him and Washington. We trust Gen. Burnside has taken all needed precautions to guard against a similar accident in his own case. His army has pushed forward to the Rappahannock, and we hear now and then of the forces being withdrawn from such and such a gap. Meantime Jackson is said to be hovering in the valley, just across the Blue Ridge, and may possibly avail himself of some of these convenient gateways to strike at Burnside's line of communication, and cut him off for a time from the Capital.

TRAFFIC IN AFRICAN NEGROES.—We give, on another page, an article containing some very valuable details concerning the African Slave-trade, a perusal of which will show the necessity of the vigilant measures now being taken by the United States Courts and officials in this City to drive from our midst, utterly and forever, the traffickers in human flesh. The trade has been a stupendous one; and it was from this port that a large proportion of the vessels sailed, and in this City the extensive organizations for the traffic existed. We have the names of over one hundred and fifty vessels which were engaged in the nefarious business during the two years preceding the incoming of the present Administration, and forty-five of these craft are known to have landed their human cargoes in Cuba—cargoes which comprised not less than sixty thousand Africans. This fearful state of things is now all happily changed; and during the last year not two thousand negroes have been landed in Cuba, and these by vessels fitted out at foreign ports. The traffic, so far as New-York is concerned, may be considered completely extinguished for the present, and indeed forever, unless the atrocious scoundrels under whose auspices it flourished in our City shall again attain power.

Much of this good result is owing to the vigilance, faithfulness and courage of Marshal Murray, under whose authority the work of suppression has been carried on. The extent of that work may be partially measured by the list of arrests made by him, in the article referred to. Among the first arrests was ALBERT HORN, merchant, whose case has been closely followed up by Marshal Murray, until on Saturday last, after having been convicted, he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. The fall of the foreign slave traffic forebodes the fall of the system of domestic Slavery, of which it was the parent.

SHALL EUROPE RESUME DOMINION IN AMERICA?

The Great Danger of the Rebellion not Justly Appreciated—The Necessity of Colonization in France and England—Their Inevitable Search for Outlets—The French in Algeria and Mexico—The Meaning of the French Invasion.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

The Standard, November, 1862.

We need just great statesmen. Where are they? Some philosophers think that great men are like other productions—the natural growth of the country, and times in which they are needed. Surely they were never needed more than in our country just now. Where are they? But, before we can have great men, great statesmen, we must ourselves be great. The nation is the soil whence they must spring. And if we, the people, can rise to just and comprehensive views of our situation, and the relations we bear to our age and world, how can we raise up statesmen—who can solve the great problems before us? I thought of this, when I thought of a great crisis in our foreign relations which the rebellion, if successful, might bring about. I have not seen in any public document or foreign correspondence, the suggestion or consideration of a case, which may, and probably will, arise, if the internal war of this country is continued much longer. It is this: that by the division and weakening of this country, a new foundation is laid for the re-colonization and assumption of dominion, by France and England, in North America. I have no doubt the Cabinet at Washington have begun to consider this subject—and have thought it prudent to keep silent. But, it is high time the people began to consider it, as one of the most important subjects which can ever concern them. It has not been justly considered; for the entire nation has for fifty years considered itself as wholly beyond the possibility of such contingencies. It was, in view of the attempts of Spain to resume dominion over her colonies, and of the Holy Alliance to regulate the affairs of nations, that the famous paragraph of Monroe's Message, in 1823, was put in, that North America was no longer the subject of European colonization. Neither England, Spain or France was then prepared to throw down the gauntlet, and say the world should be again involved in war, for the avowed purpose of conquest on another continent. Hence the declaration was allowed to pass in silence. Subsequently, this country grew so rapidly in strength, numbers and commerce, that no European Power has deemed it safe to interfere. But we are now placed in a very different situation. If the war continues, our strength is reduced, as to foreign powers, by full one-half. If the South acquire their independence, the danger from foreign Powers is still greater. Supposing the desire of a powerful foreign country, either to colonize or to conquer in North America, the first need and step in such a proceeding is to acquire a safe foothold, which can be maintained. This would be impossible, if this country was as united and powerful as in 1800, and would not be attempted. But if the South is able to hold, either by war or peace—for any result (except their submission or conquest), presents the same case—any great ports, or the boundary of the Rio Grande—then (at some time or other), they can at leisure furnish that foothold to a foreign country.

Hence, as I have before stated, the immediate necessity of seeing and holding all the ocean outlets of the South. This is, however, by the way,—for I do not believe in any immediate foreign interference.

On the contrary, it is the obvious interest of France and England to weaken the American Nation by prolonging the war. I am looking only to ulterior consequences. The main point, which I think is overlooked, is the instant necessity of all old nations to colonize; and consequently the instant of England and France to seize and occupy new territories in Asia, Africa and America—unoccupied land, like Australia,

If possible—but for want of that, the conquest of weak and decayed countries, like India, Algeria and Mexico. Colonization has been the great element in human progress, and it is as much the interest of a great nation to go out of itself, overflowing into other lands, as it is for an individual to seek fortune and adventure. The northern nations of Europe had no statement to plan a settled conquest of the Roman Empire. They did it instigated by the natural desire for new and better lands. Two centuries ago, when England and France began their colonization, no statesmen in those countries would have deliberately planned the conquest of Hindostan, the settlement of Canada, the occupation of Australia, the colonization of Algeria and the invasion of China. It was done, not by plan, but by the necessity of old nations for new outlets. Let us apply this principle to the present position of England and France, for Russia is a new country; Spain has yet room for its people, and the Germans are satisfied with the Northern United States, whose people find habits agree with their own. Looking to the population of Great Britain (twenty-six millions on 120,000 square miles) and France (nearly forty millions on 230,000 square miles), with the extreme poverty of large portions of the people, there is an absolute necessity for colonizing their population. England has other outlets, and numerous colonies of unoccupied land. But France has not. By the war from 1796 to 1816, England robbed France of her colonies. This has been the main reason of the constant tendency of France to revolution—the need of more subsistence. We may safely assert that nobody sees this clearer than LOUIS NAPOLEON. Hence, the conquest of Algeria, and now the attempted conquest of Mexico.

Veiled under whatever pretence it may be, the French invasion of Mexico is the same thing, on a minor scale, as the English conquest of Hindostan. Algeria has proved a poor speculation, and England and Russia have too firm a hold on Asia to permit a successful French colony. But the Spanish American States, both North and South, offer fair opportunities of French colonization, provided the United States either will not or cannot interfere. But, if we are engaged in a prolonged war with domestic rebellion, or if we concede the independence of the South, we are not only weakened, and for the time prevented from interference, but the South will afford the French a foothold for ulterior operations against the United States on the Rio Grande. If any one self object, that in this age of humanity and civilization, the French would not be guilty of such flagrant injustice, I reply, what has this age exhibited but a constant series of just conquests and conquests, in the name of Humanity and Civilization? What has been the English career in Asia for the last century? Beginning in robbery, it has continued in a series of aggressions and conquests, without any motive but the pursuit of commerce, and without any reason but the pretence of civilization. The flimsy veil which England has set up for her vast colonies and conquests is, I assure you, more than enough to cover a hundred French wars. Besides, as I said, the French nation needs colonies. If, then, we have any statesmen worthy of the name, they will be looking to this small cloud on the horizon. They will comprehend its teachings and its portents. I apprehend nothing either from the rebel war, or foreign interference, or French invasions, if only our statesmen have the sagacity to comprehend, and the foresight to prepare, for the concussion of rival and hostile forces. Great historical events in a country depend upon the action of the national mind, or rather, of the statesmen who represent it. If they are like CATHART, or FRANKLIN, or PRUSSIA, or WASHINGTON, they will seize upon opportunities, they will make even weak elements conspire to grand and glorious results. But if not. If they are mere politicians, they may neutralize the strength of a great nation, and undermine the fabric of the mightiest political structures. We must remember that "Pigmees are pigmees still, though perched on Alps."

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

AMUSEMENTS.

The first week of Mr. GRAU's season at the Academy of Music was brought to a brilliant conclusion by Saturday's matinee, when "Il Trovatore" was given, with Mesdames GERSHAKOFF and MOZART, and Messrs. BAIKOFF and AMBRO. In the cast, The three prime donors which Mr. GRAU has had the good fortune to present to the public have met with so much favor, and the desire to see them in other works is so universal, that the impresario has wisely determined to postpone the production of Mr. GRAU's new opera until Monday next. In this way there will be additional time for rehearsal, and the public will not be over hurried from one excitement to another. Tonight BALLOU's opera of "Norma" will be repeated, with Madame GERSHAKOFF as the heroine. On Wednesday Madame GERSHAKOFF will appear as Maria, in the "Daughter of the Regiment" on Friday, "Lucrèce Borgia" will be produced for the last night of Madame Loani, and on Saturday the week will terminate with a grand matinee. We are desirous by the manager to state that the patrons of the opera will acquit their interests by not purchasing tickets of speculators at the doors. Some inconvenience, we are informed, has been experienced from this cause. To prevent misrepresentations, the manager desires it to be understood that a certain number of seats, equal to the average demand for them, is always set apart for the evening sale, and no one need purchase a ticket outside, in the belief that the regular office of the establishment has "sold out" all its vouchers.

The announcements at the various theatres to-night are as follows: At Wallack's the old comedy of the "Clandestine Marriage," by GARRICK and COLMAN the elder, will be revived with all the care that marks these events at this establishment, at the Winter Garden Mr. and Mrs. BAXTER WILLIAMS commence an engagement, and will play in three of their amusing pieces, namely, the "Fairy Circle," "Prince Doloresco" and the "Irish Tiger," at Niblo's Garden the Russians enter upon their last week, and will produce the fairy pantomime entitled "The Golden Egg," and the farce called "Fortune's Foe," at the Brooklyn Academy of Music Mr. FOSTER will appear as Mordred in Shakespeare's tragedy of that name; at the German Opera House, Bazzano's Opera of "Fidelio" will be produced with all the artists of the establishment in the cast, and a considerably increased orchestra and chorus—the famous Italian Society reinforcing the latter in the prison scene; at Barnum's Museum the play of "Pauvrete," or Under the Snow," at Hope Chapel, Fossati's Panorama of California, and at the Palace of Music, (Fountain-street) and the Hall, No. 59 Broadway, the respective Musical Bands of Cassini and Gioia.

BOOTH—Tragedy and comedy are quite as nearly allied as wit and malice, and equally "that partitioned to the boundless divide." In fact, they are made up of the same ingredients and combinations. Given, a fool and a woman, and it is about an even toss-up whether a tragedy or a comedy will result—none can predict which way the scale will turn. "Romano" had a deep well of humor at heart, and would have turned out a rare wag had little affair with "Juliet" taken a different direction; and "Hamlet" manages to crack some capital jokes even on the anvil of his anger and revenge. It called on to select a man for the higher paths of comedy, we would undoubtedly fix on him who most excelled in the tragic walk. Certainly we know an am-

leant tragedian or two who would make sad failures, if they even attempted to play the part of Yorick's skull, in "Hamlet." But these are the tragedians who are what the old phrase tells us the poet should be—born; the tragedians whose tradition in dress and the popular taste sometimes clamors for, but whose critics very carefully shun, and the players of music taste religiously avoid. Music, certainly, goes a great way, but on the stage—as well as in the world, where the stage is supposed to represent—sudden emergencies sometimes occur which brains are both useful and necessary. The hand that can touch the spiritual harp skillfully, waking all its deep tones of passion, should also be competent to thrum the merry guitar of the lighter feelings. And here is where Edwin Booth's genius for genius he has—makes itself strikingly manifest. Seeing him as *Jago*, one was almost sorry to fancy him rickling about the stage as *Don Cesar de Bazan*, but seen in the latter character, and he gives it so charming a tone, that we almost wish he would confine himself to such rôles altogether, and wholly eschew that of the subtle, remorseless villain.

Mr. Booth gives depth and tone to all his pictures. Certain it is, he does not lose a person to tatters, but he portrays the passions very much as they develop themselves in real life. Our friend Richard, of bump-backed distinction, was set a mouthing, ranting braggart. He was cool in demeanor, and polite and careful of speech, rather than otherwise; he would carry his nephew in the Tower with the unbecoming look and absent air of one who "does good by stealth and blushes to find it fame," but yet the carving was done as surely as it was silently. We fancy that those who pronounce Booth "tame" in this and in other impersonations, if they looked a little more closely, would see that this apparent quietude is but the calmness and concentratedness of deep purpose and passion—the quiet exterior of a torrent that below is boiling. That he does "not touch the feelings" may be true enough as related to those who can only be moved when a narrow is dragged over the soul, but we have seen the house very still occasionally while Booth played—a calm of silence that was only broken by a thunder of applause.

As *Sir Edward Mortimer*, in the "Iron Chest," Mr. Booth has of late won a meed of praise from those who withhold it from his impersonations of Shakespearean characters. In this play, however, he labors under one great disadvantage—the play itself is so exasperated by taste, plot and construction, as scarcely to merit the name. The conviction is forced upon you by the text, at every turn, that *Sir Edward Mortimer* is a fool, and suffers from ill-judgment; yet Mr. Booth manages to give the character such an interpretation and rendering that it has great dramatic force, aside from its own inherent weakness. In all his plays, too, he is obliged to suffer the inconvenience of being a star. Stars are isolated, by their immense salaries and emoluments, from very hearty sympathy and support. And here a word about "supperts." If a star in the theatrical firmament, like one in the heavens above, is obliged to maintain itself unsupported and alone, flashing over the stage as a comet-drawn the skies, dragging in its heels a nebulous train of milk-and-water inconsistencies, men and women whose knowledge of propriety in speech is even more limited than their ideas of propriety in action, and whose acquaintance with rhetoric commences and terminates with the letter R—the fault is its own alone. If we ever have a "star" company throughout, where even the supernumeraries who move the furniture about and take down and take up the green baize which passes current with the popular mind for carpet, shall be men of refinement and education, it will only be when the salaries of stars are lessened, or the whole astral system done away with altogether.

The *Don Cesar* of Mr. Booth is excellent. The gay, careless, but noble and high-spirited Spand, is very different indeed from the compound being too fool and too other actors have accustomed us to. He is something to watch and to study—mild looks out from the background. Indeed, the closing remark of the foregoing sentence will apply to all of Mr. Booth's pictures. Nature has been bountiful to him in giving him an intellectual cast of countenance and the carriage of a gentleman—youth and beauty he probably acquired by dint of careful study.

Mr. T. MASON JONES, late of Trinity College, Dublin, and an orator who seems to have won the somewhat stubborn heart of the English press, will deliver his first oration at Cooper Institute to-night, the subject being the lively one of "Garibaldi and the Italian Question." Mr. Jones' powers have been greatly eulogized, and the syllabus seems to promise a comprehensive review of the subject.

Signor ROMANILLO, the composer of "Give me thy Heart Again,"—a song which Signor BAIKOFF has already made popular—and many other pieces, has taken up his residence in New-York, and will give lessons in every branch of the musical art, but especially in singing. Signor ROMANILLO's accomplishments must speedily place him at the head of the profession.

The German Liederkreis, of New-York—one of the most vigorous and excellent of our many admirable Teutonic singing societies—will give the first of a series of four grand subscription concerts at Irving Hall, to-morrow (Tuesday) evening. There will be a full orchestra, and the chorus of the Society, in addition to the necessary soloists—who are also of the best—being Miss. Morton and Herr WOLLMANN (viola). At these important entertainments it is intended to bring out several musical works of great merit, by modern composers, as well as a number of classical compositions of celebrated old masters, works which have never before been performed in this country. Mr. A. Pava will preside in the orchestra. It only remains to be said that these concerts not only promise to be the best of the season, but the cheapest, the admission being but seventy-five cents, or two dollars for a single subscription to the series of four.

Miss TERESA CARRERA, the remarkable child pianist, whose powers have been recently spoken in the highest terms, will make her debut at Irving Hall on Tuesday evening of next week. Mr. HARRISON, the energetic and popular proprietor of the establishment, has taken the child in hand, and under his auspices she will undoubtedly meet with the success to which she is justly entitled. Without any of the precocious smartness of a prodigy, here is a little child who can play some of the most difficult music of the modern school, and play it, too, with expression, elegance, intelligence and power.

Mr. S. B. MILLS will give a series of four piano-forte recitals at Dodworth's Saloon during the latter part of the present month and December. It is not proposed to confine them exclusively to classical music, but to give also the best illustrations of the modern school.

Miss LUCY, who will be remembered as one of the most pleasant and agreeable artists connected with the late French company, will shortly give a series of readings from the literature of her country. Miss LUCY will introduce excerpts from Victor Hugo's new novel "Les Misérables."

Mr. EDWIN BOOTH commences an engagement at the Boston Academy of Music to-night. The company is composed of the following well-known artists: Miss Julia Bennett Barrow, Miss Emily Meyer, Miss Nina Foster, Messrs. F. Daly, C. W. Levick, T. Barry, J. Owens, Marlowe, Wilkins, etc.

Miss BATEMAN, whose tragic powers gained her such laurels at the Winter Garden last season, opened an engagement at the Howard Athenaeum, Boston, on Monday evening, Nov. 10. The play was "The Hunchback," and the audience, which was large and fashionable, was enthusiastic in its applause. Miss BATEMAN is ably supported, as here, by Messrs. J. W. WALLACE, Jr., and EDWIN ADAMS.

THE MYERS SISTERS' entertainment on Tuesday evening at Dodworth's Hall was a fine success. The house was full, and the audience demonstratively appreciative of the young ladies' reading and singing. Everything passed off in order, as per programme, excellently well, with many recitals and some beautiful bouquets. Mr. CLARE W. BAXTER played the piano-forte accompaniments with much care and ability.

Mme. DE LUSSAN, the favorite prima donna of

Brooklyn, will give a grand concert at Irving Hall on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., assisted by Mme. EMILIA CARRERA, a young and brilliant pianist, who is indorsed by TALLEZ and GERSHAKOFF, and has played with the latter in Havana; by Mme. LA DORSE, a French tenor, of whom reports speak favorably, and by Mr. TASSON, a solo violinist. Signor MUÑOZ will be the conductor of the occasion.

One of the newest attractions at Barnum's Museum is a family of Esquimaux Indians, brought from the Arctic regions to this country by Mr. C. F. Hall. They are curious specimens of humanity.

Arrivals of Distinguished Persons at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sunday, Nov. 16.

Among the arrivals at the Galt House, to-day were Maj.-Gen. SCOTLAND HAMILTON, Brig.-Gen. BRADSHAW and A. J. SMITH, and their respective staffs; Hon. HORACE MATYARD and Person BAWSON.

There is no news from the South.

Arrivals in the City.

Gov. MORGAN passed through this City on Saturday morning from Washington to Albany. He remained a few hours at the Astor House.

Hon. HORACE MATYARD, (Governor elect of New-York), Hon. BEAUFIELD ALBION, Brig.-Gen. D. S. ADAMS, of the United States Volunteers, Capt. J. B. MARCHAND, United States Navy; Dr. W. C. SNEDECOR, of the United States Army, and Thomas Williams, Dakota Territory, are stopovers at the Astor House.

Hon. LYMAN TRENAM, Albany; Col. S. A. FOSTER, Fifth Missouri Volunteer, and W. S. WALLER, Louisville, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

Hon. E. F. ROSS, Auburn; Judge WILLIAMS, Troy; Paymaster Upham, of the United States Navy; Dr. J. H. HAY, of Albany; Hon. J. W. DORR, of the U. S. C. S.; C. S. ROSS, Kingston, and C. W. DEAN, Richmond, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Col. Clark, Sixth Michigan Volunteer, Major ED. E. PAULING, Capt. MARSTON and R. S. LAMONT, of the U. S. Army, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Hon. C. R. INGERSOLL, New-Haven, and H. C. HODGES, U. S. Army, are at the Albemarle Hotel.

John O. Thompson, U. S. A., and James Wilson and Lady, of Rome, are at the New-York Hotel.

Col. Leslie, from England, and J. M. YARUM, of the Peckskill Academy, are at the Clarendon Hotel.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The Army of the Potomac, it will be seen by our dispatches, is again on the move—not toward Richmond by way of Gordonsville, but toward Richmond by way of Fredericksburg. In other words, the base of operations has been changed to Aquia Creek, and the advance is to be made along the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad. A glance at a map of the country north of Richmond will be sufficient to convince any one of the propriety of this movement. Fredericksburg is nearer to Richmond than Gordonsville, and will be occupied without a battle. This change in the programme, our Washington correspondent informs us, was known in Richmond twelve hours before our army commenced to move,—so there can be no impropriety in announcing it to the loyal North.

Gen. DUMAS has officially informed the War Department that no resignations of officers in the old army of McCLELLAN have been tendered, and that everything is going on as smoothly as could be expected.

The statements that Gen. FREMONT is to be assigned to the defence of Washington are emphatically denied by his friends.

The St. Louis News, of Nov. 14, says: "The movements on the river and on land in the West indicate that a movement of considerable importance in the Southwest is about to be made. It is not yet given out what the exact character of the movement is to be; but its object is pretty generally understood, and heartily approved, throughout the West. The rebels themselves have had wind of it for at least ten days past. They construe it as an intended expedition against Vicksburg, designed to reduce that place and reopen the Mississippi to New Orleans. They are therefore exerting themselves to the utmost to meet us there, and make a desperate resistance. It is reported that nearly all the rebel forces lately in Arkansas have been withdrawn east of the Mississippi, and stationed near Vicksburg; and the disappearance of the enemy recently in front of Gen. SCHOFIELD in Northwestern Arkansas gives color to this conjecture. It is probable, also, that they will abandon all Northern Mississippi, and withdraw the larger part of their army now in front of Gen. GRANT, to reinforce their forces at Vicksburg. Should Vicksburg prove to be the point of contest, the work will be no child's play. The rebels will have not less than 50,000 men massed to defend it; and it is certain they will defend it with desperation. What the strength of our forces will be we are not prepared to say; but one thing is certain—if the object of the movement is to capture Vicksburg, it will be accomplished."

The latest accounts from Nashville represent Gen. ROSKRAE as awaiting the completion of repairs to the railroad between that city and Louisville, so that the regular receipt of supplies can be assured. He says that he will not move for popular affect. War is a business, and must be conducted properly or not at all. A very stringent general order has been issued touching soldiers who surrender themselves that they may be paroled and sent home. Gen. ROSKRAE has determined to send all such to Camp Chase with night-cops on their heads, after exhibiting them ignominiously on dress parade. While at Bowling Green, Gen. ROSKRAE made a brief speech to Gen. ROUSSEAU's Division, to the effect that he had accepted his new command with the purpose of making war upon the rebels.

Major KINNEY, of Col. SHANKS' Kentucky Regiment, made an attack upon a guerrilla camp in the neighborhood of Calhoun, on the night of Nov. 7. He completely surprised the rebels, killed one, wounded one, whom he took prisoner, and the rest retreated precipitately, making their escape. The company returned to camp, having captured twenty-five horses, saddles, bridles, caps, boots, shoes and various other articles which the rebels had doubtless stolen.

On Thursday last, Gen. BOWEN, who is in command of Louisville, received the following dispatch: "Col. FOSTER has again routed the guerrillas near Medicineville, Ky., killing twenty-five, and taking sixty prisoners, including four commissioned officers, seventy-five horses, and a large number of arms and other property. FOSTER is still after them."

Gen. STEELE, it is understood, has been ordered to the command of the army at Helena. This looks like work.

The expeditions of Gen. MILROY to Huntersville, Monterey, Franklin and through the counties of Pocahontas, Bath, Highland and Pendleton, Western Virginia, have been entirely successful. He captured Major WILLIAM HARRIS, Capt. EVANS, Capt. BOGGS, the notorious CAMP, and

thirty-five prisoners; also about twenty-five horses and seventy head of beef cattle. That region is now clear of rebels. The small party reported to be ragging at Staunton and in the surrounding country.

An enthusiastic Union demonstration took place in Memphis, on Nov. 9.

A correspondent at Beaufort, S. C., writes that there was heavy frost there on the nights of the 10th and 11th of November. This gives hope of a cessation of yellow fever. On the 10th there was a rumor at Beaufort that Charleston had been illuminated, and four hundred guns fired, by way of rejoicing over English recognition.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Democratic wings met yesterday afternoon. They came to terms. The nomination for the Comptroller is left with Tammany, and that for the Corporation Counsel with Mozart. Mozart is the nominee of the Comptroller's patronage. The Alernian squabble is left for settlement at the Primaries.

The Republican Aldermanic Conventions met last night. The results are printed elsewhere.

Gen. BANKS has declined the public reception tendered himself and lady by his legion of friends and admirers in New-York. The committee have decided in lieu of the reception, to draft a series of resolutions expressive of the high esteem in which the public services of Gen. BANKS are held by the people of New-York. Messrs. Charles A. Peabody, Moses Taylor, R. H. McCurdy, Charles Gould, Chas. H. Marshall and A. J. Duganne have been selected to prepare the resolutions.

The Board of Aldermen were without a quorum at their meeting yesterday afternoon, and adjourned till this date—Wednesday. Mayor Mitchell, having suddenly lost a son, by diphtheria, on Sunday afternoon.

The Board of Councilmen met at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A report was adopted in favor of increasing the wages of the culverks and laborers in the City Department, respectively to \$2 and \$1.75 per day. A resolution to increase the bounty for enlistments to \$200, was laid over. The Board concurred, by 18 to 2, to tender the hospitalities of the City to Gen. McCLELLAN. The Comptroller's financial statement for last week showed a balance of \$1,001,260.28 in the City Treasury on last Saturday. The Sisters of Charity in charge of the St. Joseph's Hospital were voted \$1,000 to dispense for the necessities of the soldiers at that institution, not provided for by Government. The Board adjourned till Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The County Canvassers held their 4th meeting yesterday afternoon, at the City Hall, from the Sixteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards, and then adjourned till noon to-day. They met also at 3 o'clock this afternoon as Supervisors.

The Jackson Mississippiian, of Oct. 24, says: "There must be a million bales of cotton in the State of Louisiana and Mississippi, and it is not expecting too much that it will be offered to the Government. The agent for the Southwest, Mr. DE BOW, is, we understand, prepared to take that quantity, and pay for it in the 8 per cent. bonds, which are nearly, if not quite, at par everywhere, and will not be worth more than the rates which he is authorized to give for cotton, and for which he has obtained large quantities, were established by private competition, and are very much above what the planters subscribing to the purchase loan were willing to accept a year or two since. The Government is not to be deceived, according to the security of the location."

Hopeful Aspects of the War.

The public mind is much more hopeful than it has been for a long time in regard to the war. There are signs of activity and of earnestness in various quarters, which have done much toward meeting the universal demand of the people for vigor and energy on the part of the Government. The successes of our armies in Kentucky and Middle Tennessee, the victories of Gen. CENTS, and the complete reduction of his Department to the National sway, have been received as proofs that kindred triumphs will follow kindred efforts wherever they may be put forth.

Everything indicates the purpose of the Government to press the war with equal vigor in the East. The Army of the Potomac received a peremptory order early in October to move forward and force the rebels to a battle. Gen. McCLELLAN was removed from command because he would not obey that order. In these two facts we have all the assurance we can require that the Government is determined to push the rebel forces now between Richmond and Washington with all the energy and vigor it can command. Hitherto the ruling policy has been one of delay; hereafter it is to be one of action. More hazard unquestionably attends the latter than the former. An army which fights is more liable to defeat than one which does not. But the only use of an army consists in its fighting,—and there can be no such thing as arraying on war without taking risks. The country is willing to incur hazards for the sake of the advantages which a bold and vigorous policy promises to the country. And it takes heart and courage from the indications that such a policy is to be hereafter pursued.

There is little doubt, moreover, that the attack on the rebellion is to be made in other quarters. It is a matter of notoriety that powerful expeditions are fitting out to operate at various points on the Southern coast. We have a formidable fleet of iron-clad vessels just ready for active service, which can cover the landing of artillery and infantry enough to take and hold every southern seaport. Whether right or wrong in their conjectures, the country has come to believe that very early in the coming Winter we shall have Charleston, Savannah and Mobile in our possession,—that the Mississippi will be completely in our hands,—that the rebels will thus be entirely cut off from Texas and Arkansas, from which hitherto they have drawn a very large portion of their supplies,—and that we shall put an end to violations of the blockade and to all questions which foreign nations may raise in regard to it. These will be substantial results; and the people look forward with confidence to their speedy achievement.

They expect, too, that movements will be made to penetrate the heart of the rebel States by pushing the rivers which lead into their most densely settled and most productive regions. Gunboats, which the rebels are utterly unable to withstand, can ascend the Santee, the Savannah, the Chattahoochee, the Alabama, the branches of the Mississippi, and other streams which penetrate the interior of the cotton-growing States, and promptly make themselves masters of the rich plantations which lie along their borders, and of the millions and a half of slaves by which they are cultivated. There is but one way in which the rebels can resist this movement of invasion,—and that is by recalling their troops from their Northern frontier; and the moment this is done their whole country is thrown open to our advancing forces. This is unquestionably the shortest way to end the war, and, therefore, it is the most humane.

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Now that the subject is sufficiently freed from doubt to enable us to consider it without passion or excitement, it appears that two observations may justly be made in regard to it. The first is, that intervention was always unduly feared by the people of the United States; the second, that it was unwisely trusted in by the Confederates. If, in the case of the former, the fear led to a too irascible temper in judging the acts and motives of our neighbors across the water; or, in case of the latter, the hope led to a too desperate plunge into the abyss of revolution, the error was serious, and must be atoned for as all wrong passions and deeds are. Both sides might have escaped the error fallen into by the exercise of more dispassionate consideration. If the course of very obvious wisdom had been adopted, of imagining ourselves in the place of English and French rulers, the practical difficulties of interference in the American war would have been manifest, and appeared as they are, insurmountable.

It is only those who are burthened with the cares of State that can appreciate the magnitude of the issues in their hands. The universal rage of a Press, strong and insolent, and the wild clamor of the constituent governing class in England, united in demanding from their Government a recognition of Confederate independence. It might have seemed that these influences would be irresistible, and would coerce a Ministry which is really as well as nominally obedient to the popular will. But there was a bulwark behind, upon which the waves of popular agitation dashed in vain. The statesman was too much for the demagogue. To the citizen of the United States, English intervention was only thought of as an expression of jealousy and dislike of this country, which were feelings natural and most likely to be in that manner exhibited. To the Confederate rebel, the same act was considered only a declaration to the world of favor to a new nation whose interests would be closely intertwined with those of the chief foreign countries. To each belligerent, recognition and intervention had no deeper meaning than a national prejudice or prepossession. But to the English statesman, interference in American affairs meant a vast deal more. If ventured upon as a peace measure, it fell short of the aim of those who urged it. For upon the rejection of the overture to arbitrate in the American quarrel, the contest would be left in its original aspect and proportions. If interference were pushed to the extent of war, the evils to be remedied would in reality be aggravated. Neither the peace, wealth, nor power of nations would be promoted by it. Taking it for granted that England and France could end the war by acting

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The Government takes the right view of the case, and we are glad to see, acts upon it with promptness and courage. If it will only meet the just expectations of the people in its prosecution of the war, it will have no difficulty in regaining all the ground it has seemed to lose. The country believes that the rebellion can be crushed and the Union restored. It believes that when the military power of the rebels has been broken,—when their armies have been beaten and scattered, their leaders slain, captured or driven into exile, and their military posts held by our forces, the great mass of the Southern people—who have no interest in this unnatural strife, and who have been betrayed or dragged into it by their ambitious and unscrupulous leaders, will again invoke the protection of the Constitution, and return to the shelter of the American flag. These are the conditions essential to the restoration of the Union. The rebellion must be crushed, by positive, aggressive blows, before the Southern people can possibly take such action. If they desire it. Therefore it is that the country has been profoundly dissatisfied with the inactive, defensive policy by which the Government has been hitherto controlled, and it rejoices heartily and hopefully now, in the belief that this policy is about to be changed for one better suited to the necessities of the country and the emergency of the case.

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The Stock Market advanced from 1 to 2 1/2 cent. yesterday, on the Railways, under a buoyant demand, and closed firm and strong. Government Securities were also firm, and much interest was expressed in the award of the new loan at Washington, the offers for which were more numerous and widely diversified than generally expected. Gold fell off all around, Saturday, 131 1/2 to 132 1/2. Exchange, 146 1/2 cent. on London.

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Berwick's Bay Evacuated by the Rebels.

Four Hundred Wagon Loads of Negroes Left Behind.

Capture of a Militia Company Entire.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF GEN. BUTLER.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF,
NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 2, 1862.

Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, Commanding-in-Chief United States Army.

I have the honor to recount a very successful expedition, under Gen. Weitzel, of the preparation for the march of which I have previously informed the commanding General.

Gen. Weitzel landed at Donaldsonville, and took up his line of march on Sunday, the 26th of October. About nine (9) miles beyond Donaldsonville he met the enemy in force; a sharp engagement ensued, in which he lost eighteen (18) killed and sixty-eight (68) wounded. Full lists of the casualties have been received and published.

The commanding officer of the enemy, Col. McPherson, was killed, and the enemy lost quite a large number in killed and wounded.

Two hundred and sixty-eight prisoners were captured, and also one piece of artillery. Since then he has met with no opposition, and the whole of that country is now open to him. The enemy has evacuated Berwick's Bay, having by means of the railroad got away before our gunboats could cut off their retreat, the naval force having been delayed by a very severe storm.

I send you Gen. Weitzel's report, received to-day, and will forward by the next mail my letter of instruction to Gen. Weitzel in answer to his dispatches herewith sent.

I am just informed that our railroad communications with Gen. Weitzel are opened, and his messenger has just come to, bringing a dispatch which I write, which I enclose.

I cannot too much commend the energy of Col. Thomas with his regiment, the Eighth Vermont, who have in six days opened fifty-two miles of railroad, built nine culverts, rebuilt a bridge, burned by the enemy four hundred and thirty-five (435) feet long, besides pulling up the rank grass from the track, which entirely impeded the locomotive all the way; in this work they were assisted by Col. Starrood's Regiment, Native Guard, colored.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,
BENJ. F. BUTLER,
Major-General Commanding.

GEN. WEITZEL AND THE NEGROES.

HEADQUARTERS RESERVE BRIGADE, IN CAMP, near THIBODEAUX, La., Nov. 1, 1862.

MAJOR: Since my last dispatch I have received information that the enemy has evacuated Berwick's Bay, and in such a hurry (as our gunboats were in sight) that they left over 400 wagon loads of negroes behind at Berwick's Bay. To substantiate this report, the negroes are already returning. Now, what shall I do with them?

I have already twice as many negroes in and around my camp as I have soldiers within.

I cannot feed them; as a consequence, they must feed themselves.

The community, of whom already quite a number have taken the oath of allegiance, is in great terror, fearing trouble with the negroes.

They beg me to allow them to retain their arms. I cannot do this without authority from headquarters.

Last night my pickets were fired upon by some persons armed with a shotgun. This would make it prudent to allow only those to retain arms who have taken the oath or are paroled. Please to give me instruction on this point.

There is plenty of sugar here. I have already collected a large number of cavalry and artillery horses and mules. Please now organize that railroad properly, so that we may run regular trains and not have our rolling stock ruined by bad management.

I have sent a force to Berwick's Bay to take possession of the road from Tigerville to Berwick's Bay, communicate with the gunboats and repair the bridges across Bayou Boeup.

I will have the bridge across Bayou Lafourche completed at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and the bridge at Terrebonne will be completed to-morrow.

Then, when the Bayou Boeup bridge is ready, the whole road will be all right to Berwick's Bay.

All the planters, nearly, wish to make their very excellent this year's crop, if I will order back their negroes, or allow them to make some arrangements with them.

Neither Col. Thomas nor Col. Starrood have yet been seen by me. I understand that the Naure Guards were to picket the road. They want to hold Boutte Station, Bayou des Allemands Bridge, Tigerville, Bayou Lafourche Bridge, Terrebonne Bridge, &c. Do this and throw out pickets, so as to communicate with each other.

The telegraph should be repaired at once. I have undisputed possession of this country now, and this part of the campaign is a perfect success.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
G. WEITZEL, Brig.-Gen. U. S. Vols.,
Maj. Gen. C. Saxton, Asst. Adjutant-General, Department of the Gulf, New-Orleans, La.

LATEST REPORTS FROM THIBODEAUX.

HEADQUARTERS RESERVE BRIGADE, IN CAMP, near THIBODEAUX, La., Nov. 2, 1862.

MAJOR: I have the honor to report that I yesterday sent a force up the Bayou Boeup to communicate with my hospital above Labadeville. The hospital had been undisturbed. All the people in the neighborhood were vying with each other in kindness and attention to the wounded on both sides. This country is as safe to travel now as Canal-street. The following men have died from their wounds since we left up there:

Frank J. Smith, Co. K, 8th New-Hampshire.
William A. Jones, Co. G, 8th New-Hampshire.
S. P. Hutchins, Co. I, 8th New-Hampshire.

I propose to remove the rest down here on a flatboat and send them all to the city.

On Friday evening I received information that a company of the enemy's militia force was encamped a short distance northeast of Thibodeaux, near a swamp. I sent out Pickett's capture them.

He started yesterday morning at 3 o'clock, took a circuitous route through canebrakes, over ditches, through swamps, completely outwitted them and took 53 (nearly the whole company) prisoners, with arms, horses and ammunition. It was a complete success.

This Pickett is a splendid officer, and he deserves promotion as much as any officer I ever saw.

I have not yet heard from Frayser, whom I ordered

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE ARMY—STONEWALL JACKSON—THE EVIL OF STRAGGLING—WANT among the Virginians, &c.

LETTER FROM WARRENTON.

THE NEW ROUTE TO RICHMOND.

THE GOVERNMENT AND GEN. McCLELLAN.

THE DUTIES OF OUR ARMY OFFICERS.

THE WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST.

ADULTS at Nashville—Briggs Reported to Be at Tallahassee Without an Army, &c.

Among the Galt House arrivals to-day are Maj. Gen. GARRARD and Staff and Col. DA CORCAY.

NASHVILLE, Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Gen. ROBERT and his command are within twelve miles of the city.

Saxton, without an army, was in command at Tallahassee.

The rebels are extensively manufacturing shoes at Knoxville for their army.

Leading rebels in East Tennessee are preparing to leave for the South.

The rebels are not expected to make a stand this side of Chattanooga.

The tunnels on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad are expected to be completed by Sunday.

FROM GRAND JUNCTION.

A DASHING AND SUCCESSFUL RECONNOISSANCE.

Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.

South of Grand Junction, Monday, Nov. 10, 1862.

I write in great haste to give you an account of the reconnaissance just made by the cavalry.

On the 6th instant, Gen. Grant ordered a strong force upon this errand, consisting of part of the Cavalry Division and two Divisions of Infantry and Artillery.

Gen. Grant, about 1,500 strong, was under command of Col. LEE, of the Seventh Kansas, who now leads the division during Col. MEXIA's absence.

The object of the expedition was to find out the whereabouts of the rebels, and the directions were positive not to bring on a general engagement.

Col. Lee started on the advance from this point at 7 o'clock on the 6th inst. He had with him a force of about 12 miles south of Lamar, a little village which lies about 12 miles south of Lamar. Three miles further on he encountered a force of rebel cavalry, numbering about 500 men, who were attacking the main body of the army.

Col. Lee immediately divided his command, ordering Col. HARCA to keep on down toward Hudsonville, while he himself, with about 700 troops, went on to attack the rebels.

Col. Lee's division, consisting of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 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NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, NOV. 20, 1862.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.
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BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC—SPAGNACI.
LAURA KENNEDY'S THEATRE—PAG WOFFINGTON OR: DANCE AND FAIRY.
WALLACE'S—CLARENCE MARRIAGE.
WINNER GARDEN—THE FAIRY CIRCLE—PRINCE DOLORE—THE LITTLE THING.
NIDLO'S GARDEN—VOLAT VENT.
GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—DIE FRIEDRICH.
IRVING HALL—VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT.
BARNUM'S MUSEUM—ESQUIMAUX FAMILY—CON. NUT.
GRAND TROPICAL PLEASANT—and other entertainments at all hours—LADIES, OR GENTLEMEN, SHOW, AFTERNOON AND EVENING.
GEORGE CHRISTY'S MINSTRELS—HALL OF MINSTRELST—No. 55 Broadway—BLACK BLENTERS.
PALACE OF MUSIC—CAMPBELL'S MINSTRELS.
ARTISTS' FUND SOCIETY EXHIBITION—No. 625 Broadway.
STUYVESANT INSTITUTE—No. 650 Broadway—BANDY'S SEAS OF GALLIES.

REVISED STAMPS FOR CHECKS and notes of various denominations. For sale at TIMES Counting Room.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We have nothing from the Army of the Potomac this morning excepting the assurance that it is in motion. We shall soon, no doubt, hear a good account of it. Relative to the movements of the rebels, the latest intelligence received in Washington believed to be reliable, is to the effect that their main army has succeeded in reaching a point between our army and Richmond—probably at Hanover Junction. JACKSON and STUART are said to be between Culpepper and Warrenton, and it may be that LEE will have to fight without their cooperation.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer writes from the Headquarters of BIRNEY'S Brigade, near Warrenton, under date of Nov. 18: "It is known that between the south bank of the Rappahannock, the north bank of the James, the Richmond and Potomac Railroad on the east, and the Alexandria Railroad on the west, the rebels have not a force to exceed 6,000, all their troops being to the west of the latter river, and all the way up to Winchester. Above a direct line west from here, under JACKSON, they may perhaps make a feint of attacking Washington via Leesburg; but if they do, it will be only a feint to distract us from what is believed to be our present intention. That the majority of their troops are to the west of Culpepper, I have no doubt. Yesterday morning I went out with the Thirty-eighth New-York and Fourth Maine, under the command of Lieut. LEE and LEARNED, of Gen. BIRNEY'S Staff, on a foraging expedition. I went some three miles beyond our pickets, and just as we emerged from the woods, on the top of a high hill, we discerned in the valley below, and not over a mile and a half distant, an encampment of them, which, judging from the extent of it, could not contain less than 20,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery. Not a quarter of a mile from us we discovered one of their cavalry accents."

By the arrival at this port of the steamer Potomac we have advice from New-Orleans to the 18th inst. The only news of interest relates to the operations of the land and naval forces, under the command respectively of Gen. WITZELL and Lieut. BRIGHAM. Our correspondence gives details of all Gen. WITZELL'S movements from the time of leaving Donaldsonville, and though no later than the official reports already published by us, will be found very interesting. The naval expedition under HUGHAN, it will be seen, had some lively work on the Bayou Teche, where a number of rebel gunboats and batteries were engaged.

We have news by the Potomac that the fleet of war vessels which has operated recently in the Gulf was returning to the Mississippi River. As the Potomac passed over the bar below New-Orleans on her way hither, the Brooklyn and the Hartford passed up the Gulf. The steamer Mississippi was at New-Orleans, and the Pensacola was either there or returning to that port. Several gunboats were also passing up. There were rumors in New-Orleans of intended military operations which the movements of these vessels seemed to confirm.

The Court of Inquiry ordered to assemble in Washington on the 27th of October, has been dissolved. At the request of Major-Gen. McDowell, a Court of Inquiry is ordered to assemble there at 11 o'clock to-day, to inquire into, certain charges made against him. Ex-Gov. DENNISON and other witnesses summoned are expected to be present. Detail for the Court: Major-Gen. CRAWFORD and Brig-Gen. MARTINDALE and VAN ALLEN, and Lieut-Col. LOCIS H. PALOUZ, Judge Advocate and Recorder.

A dispatch to the Chicago Times, dated Cincinnati, Nov. 16, says: "Private dispatches to-day state that McCook's and GILBERT'S corps d'armees have advanced from Nashville, and will make every effort to bring on a general engagement. Gen. BUCKNER has determined not to move until he is entirely ready, which will be before Wednesday next. The rebels may outgeneral us by making a flank movement and again pushing northward to secure Island No. 10 and Fort Pillow, and thus capture a number of transports continually passing up and down the Mississippi River. Such a movement would be of immense gain to the Confederates, and prove a terrible blow to the Federal cause. No fears are apprehended of their again moving on Cincinnati and Louisville, knowing, as they do, that a large force is held in reserve to resist any such move. Additional intelligence from East Tennessee, per refugees, reports that reinforcements from LEE'S army have been sent to the West, and that the rebel army in the Southwest will now number not less than 200,000 men. This is no exaggeration, and therefore it may be reasonably expected that the next great battle of the war will be fought in Tennessee before Christmas. Gen. GEO. MORRIS'S entire Division has been transferred to Louisville, and will cooperate from thence southwardly with Gen. GRAYSON'S Division now between Frankfort and Louisville. Gen. MORGAN and Staff are here, and will go to Louisville to-morrow."

About three thousand troops arrived at Cincinnati on Saturday, on their way from Gallipoli to Memphis. Most of them left the same evening, and the others on Sunday noon.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, writing from Gloucester, Va., reports that on Nov. 17 fifty rebel cavalry men surprised an outpost picket guard of ten men belonging to the Third and Fourth Pennsylvania. Two rebels were killed and one private and a Sergeant were captured. An expedition was sent by Col. DAVIS to capture the rebels, but it resulted in a complete failure. It was reported that the mounted men and an important mail at a rebel Court-house.

GENERAL NEWS.

Arrives one day later from Europe are received

by the arrival off Cape Race of the steamer Anglo-Saxon on her way to Quebec. The most important news by this arrival is the announcement that the Spanish Government has demanded the punishment of the Americans alleged to have violated the Spanish flag on the coast of Cuba. Our Minister at Madrid had had an audience with the Queen in regard to the matter, and had given assurances that the United States Government did not authorize the acts of the Captain of the gunboat Montgomery. Mediation rumors were again current in London, but they are probably worthy of no more attention than those which have preceded them. The French Cabinet is said to be more at variance than ever regarding the Roman question. It was thought that a majority of the Ministers would resign, and the Emperor should resolve to give Rome to the Italians. The Grecian question still remained unsettled—it being uncertain whether the Provisional Government would decide in favor of a monarchy or a Federal Republic. The Bank of France had advanced its rate of discount to five per cent. The sales of cotton at Liverpool for the week had been 47,000 bales, and the market closed dull. Breadstuffs were quiet and steady, and Provisions dull. Consols were quoted at 94½ to 95 for money.

We receive, by way of Havana, advices from the City of Mexico to the 25th ultimo, from Orizaba to the 26th, and from Vera Cruz to the 1st inst. The course of the rebellion has been very strange. No engagement has yet taken place between the French and Mexican troops, but appearances indicated that a collision could not be much longer delayed. Gen. FRAZY had arrived at Orizaba, and a large number of the French expeditionary corps—upwards of 13,000—had been landed at Vera Cruz. The Mexicans were busily occupied in strengthening the defenses of Puebla and the Capital, and the road between the two cities, which was to be disputed inch by inch. There was a great deal of excitement displayed by the Mexicans, but even before the arrival of the principal reactionary chiefs had given in their adhesion to JUAREZ, and the determination appeared to be general to give the French as much trouble as possible. Military rule has been declared in the States of Puebla, Mexico and Vera Cruz. Since then continued to exist in the French fleet to a fearful extent. Several deaths had occurred on board the iron-clad frigates Normandie from yellow fever, and among them were three officers. Northerly winds, however, had set in, and a decrease in the number of deaths was to be expected. A furious storm had set in, and the shipping at Vera Cruz and Sacrificos. A French man-of-war (the Chaptal) was driven ashore, and will undoubtedly be lost. A large number of vessels had been lost, including the American bark Sheridan, the American bark Ventura, the French bark Le Comte, the schooner Maria Emma. Also, several French, Spanish, English, Mexican and Hanoverian vessels. Two French transports were wrecked, and another was saved at the expense of her mainmast. Many lives were lost on board an American bark, and a party of twelve persons on board the French bark Neuf, only one was saved.

The official canvass of the returns of the State shows Mr. SKYMOOR'S majority to be 10,572. At noon yesterday the Tammany Committee of Twenty held an adjourned meeting in Tammany Hall. After much discussion, which lasted two hours, resolutions were taken, which, on the fourth resolution, as follows: Aldermen J. J. CONNOLLY, J. A. BRIDGES, R. B. CONNOLLY & Co. Committee was then appointed to wait on Alderman BOULX and inform him of his nomination, and the Committee adjourned. At 8 o'clock, the Committee adjourned, and the Committee adjourned. Their nominee for Corporation Counsel was not mentioned, but it is stated that it is either CHAS. C. GIBBY, or J. C. DEVLIN.

The County Commissioners held their seventh meeting at noon yesterday. The Fifth Ward returns were corrected by the District Canvassers of the Sixth District, and the County Clerk today. This completed the canvass, and the Board then adjourned till noon to-day, to foot up the tables and make the declaration of results.

In the Court of Sessions, yesterday, JOHN CRAWFORD was convicted of manslaughter in the third degree in causing the death of GEORGE A. DOWNEY. The jury recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the Court.

After an examination, continued for four days, the Coroner's jury, which has been investigating the circumstances of the death of Mr. ROWAN, well-known citizen of Princeton, N. J., has found a verdict that he was murdered by CHARLES LEWIS, who is now held in custody.

The St. Paul Press, of Nov. 14, learns that Gov. SISKI has already reached South Bend, the place designated to rendezvous the troops under command. He has in his charge the 303 Indians condemned to be hung, the eighteen condemned to imprisonment, beside about fifty squaws, retained to cook for the Indians. As the train passed through New-Ulm, the sight of these miserable creatures excited the people most intensely. They turned out, en masse, and pelleted them with stones and sticks till they got through the town. One woman, watching her chance, darted between a file of soldiers, and knocked down one of the Indians with a club.

On Friday morning, an Illinois Regiment was passing through Frankfort, on its way to Louisville, when it was discovered that the rear guard had a negro in custody. JACK FRAWLEY, Sergeant-at-arms, recognized the negro as a slave, and took forcible possession of him. The soldiers resisted, and a serious row seemed imminent, but the soldiers were overpowered. Another negro, secreted in a wagon, was taken from the soldiers. A courier was sent forward to the main body of the regiment to return to retake the negro, and the Provost-Marshal ordered out his guard, expecting an attack, but the Illinoisans did not return, and FRAWLEY still holds the negro.

A number of the friends of Brig-Gen. BIRNEY have presented him with a horse, equipments and a sword. In his reply acknowledging the gift, he uses this significant language: "So long as it is in my power to render service in the field, in whatever position I am placed, under whatever General or rule I may be, I shall continue to struggle for the unity of our people, the supremacy of our laws, and hope the time is not far distant when the good old flag will again wave from the top of the citadel, and the rebels will have never been so joyful of the success of our army as now."

The United States steamer De Soto arrived at Philadelphia, on Tuesday, from Port Royal. The miserable fever, of which Gen. MITCHELL died, is reported to have entirely disappeared. It will be remembered that as KIRST SMITH'S Division of the rebel army was leaving Kentucky, some of the pickets captured and hanged in the vicinity of Cumberland Gap, Capt. KING and fifteen other loyal citizens. On Thursday, the 6th inst., a party of loyal men visited the vicinity of Mackey's Corners, two and a half miles from Big Rockville River, and captured a party of nine men, belonging to different corps of the rebel army. The captives were held in custody about a short time, and then were executed upon a tree not far from the scene of the outrage perpetrated a short time ago by KIRST SMITH'S pickets.

The Chicago Post states that the charges of having engaged in cotton speculation were preferred against Gen. GRAY by Gen. STANTON, who succeeded him in command of the Tennessean army. Charges were probably preferred, also, by W. D. GALLAGHER, special agent of the Treasury Department. JOHN S. PHILLIPS, Military Governor of Arkansas, may also have something to do with them.

Mr. Wm. GRAY, of Boston, has received from J. LOTHROP MORTON, the historian, no Minister to Austria, the sum of \$500, for the use of sick and wounded soldiers; also \$1,100 from EDWARD CUNNINGHAM, a merchant of Massachusetts, now resident in Shanghai. Both donations have been expended in accordance with the wishes of the generous givers.

It is estimated that the State of Connecticut will furnish two millions of dollars revenue per annum, under the United States Tax law.

The General Term of the Supreme Court has just concluded the hearing of a case of some importance, touching the operation of the law making Treasury notes legal tender, and the power of Congress to emit bills of credit. A statement of the case will be found in the law column. Decision was rendered. At Chambers at the Su-

preme Court, Justice BARNES discharged a writ of habeas corpus, upon his allegation that if he ever collected he was oblivious at the time, and it appearing that the writ had been issued to jail for safe keeping after enactment, in the absence of a writ. The writ-Dillaye's writ in Nassau-street, some years ago, is now again before the Circuit of the Supreme Court, Justice PORTER, the writ on a writ of habeas corpus having failed to agree. The case is still on.

The Money Market was firm yesterday at 6½ per cent. Gold was 1½ cent. lower; sales at 130. Exchange, 145 cent. Government Securities firm. Railway shares heavy in the forenoon, but steadier at the close. United States Notes of lawful tender have become scarce, especially the denominations below \$100, and considerable difficulty is experienced in supplying orders for this currency from the interior.

Breadstuffs declined slightly yesterday, and were less sought after. Cotton was quiet and rather cheaper. Provisions were in good request; Pork was dearer and lower. Eggs, Hay, Hops, Laths, Coffee, Tea, Molasses, Tallow, Whisky were in moderate demand. An active inquiry prevailed for Fish, Fruit, Oils and Leather. Sugars, Wool and Tobacco were saleable and firm. Very moderate freight engagements were reported, with 652 vessels of all classes in port.

The Abatement of Arbitrary Arrests.

The prompt disavowal by the Federal Government of any agency in the Brinsdis arrest, and its avoidance, of late, of all similar proceedings in the loyal States, give general satisfaction. All candid friends of the Administration freely admit that, owing to the super-servicable zeal of certain officials, there was at one time a serious abuse of this power of summary imprisonment. In the recent canvass the Republicans forbore to take issue on that point at all, though their opponents made much of it. They contended themselves with trusting that the good sense and fidelity of the President would soon take note of the evil, and apply the appropriate remedies. This seems already to have been very effectually done, and, doubtless, would have been just as soon done had the elections resulted differently. The war devolved an immense variety of momentous duties and responsibilities upon the Administration, and, in the nature of the case, time was necessary for its subordinates to understand them justly, and fulfill them correctly. All reasonable men have recognized this, and, sure of the President's uprightness of intention, have made generous allowance for errors.

Many Democratic leaders, however, in their eagerness to take advantage of whatever has been done amiss in the exercise of the power of discretionary imprisonment, have disclaimed not against the abuse, but against the power itself. Their habitual language has been based on the assumption that the habeas corpus was an inviolable right of a freeman. Its suspension they have styled a usurpation, and as such they have denounced it without measure. They have talked precisely as if that sentence of the Constitution which reads: "The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it," was without the last clause altogether, and the inhibition absolute. The framers of the Constitution contemplated that there could be a case of rebellion when this public safety would require such a suspension. If such a case could exist at all, it certainly must be a case like the present: for no more gigantic or formidable rebellion could at any time arise. The suspension, then, so far from being a usurpation, was in fact in strict compliance with the letter of the Constitution—an adoption of the very resource there specified, in cases of great public danger. The Constitution, so jealous of the power of Government in ordinary times, yet arms the Government with this extraordinary power in perilous junctures; and the Government would have been unfaithful to this Constitution, and derelict in its duty, had it neglected to use that power in the great crisis now existing. Rebels and rebel sympathizers, of course, may oppose; but how truly loyal men can object to it, passes our comprehension. We grant that it may be honestly doubted whether the President alone has the authority to suspend, without vote of Congress; but since the Attorney-General, the President's legal adviser, has so decided, and Congress itself has acquiesced without a word of complaint, it must be a factious spirit alone that can seek to make trouble on this score. The great fact is the actual suspension in the face of public danger. No one will ever care to go into any special pleading concerning it, who has a proper sense of that danger.

There is no denying that this power of discretionary confinement has prevented great evil. It is capable of historical proof that the arrest and detention of the traitorous majority of the Maryland Legislature, and of the leading authorities of the City of Baltimore, alone saved Maryland from joining the Confederacy. The plot was complete in all respects, and would have been put through, had it not been for the summary action of the authorities in Washington. In Maryland, and in every other region where Secessionists abound, cases touching "the public safety" have constantly arisen, in which fair trial by jury was utterly impracticable. Juries, of course, could not be packed; individuals with rebel proclivities would be sure to be among the impaneled; and the unanimity requisite for conviction would in all cases be impossible. This necessity of denying jury trial for political offences will continue in every State where disloyalty extensively prevails. Martial law, too, in all its fullness must rule to the end within the sphere of active military operations. Military necessity requires this, as civil necessity imposes the other.

But in the States, like our own, almost universally loyal, we trust that we shall hear no more of arbitrary confinements except in extreme and very peculiar cases. There are many malcontents and factionists throughout the loyal North—men who talk violently, and who, if they could, would gladly embarrass the movements of the Government against the rebels. But, so long as these men commit no overt act of treason, they had better be left to the righteous care of the people around them. The pillory of public scorn is far better suited to such cases than the caseuities of Fort Lafayette. What-

ever mischief these characters can do in the way of discouraging enlistments is, after all, of slight account when compared with the damaging effects of the cry of State persecution, which party managers never fail to turn to account. With free discussion secured, there is no danger that public sentiment will not be kept sound enough in every Northern State to the end of the rebellion. To some little extent faction may pass itself off upon the public mind for what it is not, but under no circumstances can it effect the substantial success of the war, if the Government only keeps true to its duty. Our loyal people would gladly see all the vigilance and energy of the Government henceforth directed southwards; and every Provost-Marshal, north of Mason and Dixon's, become an absolute sinecure, outside of its strict military jurisdiction in connection with the army.

The Pending Struggle in Mexico.

At length we have interesting and important news from Mexico, consequent upon the invasion of the French. By the steamer Rio Bio, from Havana, we have advices from Vera Cruz up to the 1st inst.

It appears that during the preceding fortnight, French forces, infantry, cavalry and artillery, numbering altogether 13,800 men, landed at Vera Cruz. This force, added to that previously in the country, gives the French an army of 20,000 men. From the best data that can be obtained, there is reason to believe that from 5,000 to 10,000 French troops will be landed during the present month, to complete the Emperor NAPOLEON'S invading force. This army of invasion, numbering from 25,000 to 30,000 well equipped and efficient soldiers—some of the best in the Emperor's army—we learn from French sources, is expected to move from Orizaba, the base of operations, upon the City of Mexico, some time during the coming month of December.

Decidedly the most interesting items of information contained in our advices of this morning are those which refer to the unity of the Mexicans, and the preparations they are making to drive off the invaders. On the 20th of September the Mexican Congress came together. President JUAREZ and others made strong patriotic appeals to the people to arouse and defend their country at any cost. The people appear to respond with that united and determined vigor which presages a successful resistance to the French invaders. Puebla has been strongly fortified, and is called the "Schaestopol" of Mexico. The citizens of Mexico are turning out en masse, and working on the fortifications of the capital. Col. J. M. DEAN, an educated engineer, and recently acting Consul-General for Mexico, in this City, is, we learn from a private source, in charge of these fortifications. Gens. COMFORT and ORTEGA are heartily cooperating with JUAREZ, and even BETHUN, MEXIA and other reactionary chiefs, are giving in their adhesion to the constitutional Government. In no better way can these brigand chiefs alone for the great wrongs they have inflicted upon their unhappy country, than by pouring out their hearts' blood in defending it from the foreign invaders.

During the coming month we may expect news of stirring events in Mexico. The French will attempt to march to the capital. They are prepared for a desperate fight, and according to present appearances, they will be accommodated by a well-officer and effective Mexican army, which will probably number about 50,000 men. We shall look for the result of this conflict with the deepest interest. It is of the greatest consequence to the cause of the Union that the French should be whipped out of Mexico.

We notice that the Juarez Government has expelled JACKER & Co., and several other foreign residents in the City of Mexico, whose presence is considered dangerous to the peace of the Republic. This is striking at the root of the evil. Such unprincipled speculators as JACKER, in connection with the foreign Ministers, have been the bane and curse of Mexico; and, in fact, the same may be said of all Spanish America, for every city of any note in the Spanish American Republics, has one or more Jackers. They appeared in New-Orleans, but Gen. BUTLER was too much for them.

THE MOVEMENT FOR AN OPEN BOARD OF BROKERS.—The recent movement in behalf of an open and free Board of Brokers is in accordance with the progressive spirit of the times, and will certainly be successful and popular. It will, it is granted, place those who engage in it in a hostile attitude to the present Board of Brokers. In this respect the movement will by many be regretted, inasmuch as the present Board is an honorable and patriotic association, and has always enforced the most stringent rules of personal and public faith. But personal considerations should yield before great principles of commercial liberalism, and the open Board should be allowed, without resistance, to occupy the field heretofore filled by the other. At the present day, if we find the owners of flour, fuel, salt or any other articles of prime necessity, meeting together and resolving not to furnish those articles for a less price than shall be fixed on from time to time by a majority of themselves, we feel that the interests of society are endangered. Such course of action destroys competition and subjects a community to the odious restrictions and oppressions of monopoly. It annihilates the value of enterprise, industry and courtesy in business, and in this way operates to the serious injury of the young members of any trade or profession, who need to work for less at the start, if only to make the opportunity of showing their capacity for business, and thus being enabled to obtain commissions against older and wealthier parties.

The present Board of Brokers are a close corporation and practically monopolists of a class of business that has grown immensely of late years, and within the past twelve months has become overshadowing in

importance. Before the war is over, the public debt of the United States may not fall very far short of the public debt of England; and the increased debt of loyal States and cities will be very great also. Every American is to be vitally affected by this volume of domestic securities. The purchase and sale and the hypothecation of the Stocks representing this gigantic indebtedness, will render the New-York Money Exchange little inferior to that of London. It is proper that our Brokers who are about entering upon so great a career as is opened before them, should enlarge their views, expand their organization and adopt the most liberal and enlightened principles of business known to the commercial and financial world.

MEMPHIS IN A NEW ASPECT.—In the large cities of the South, captured by our arms, there are very hopeful and cheering manifestations of the Union sentiment. The Memphis papers of the 11th bring us long and glowing accounts of an "immense Union demonstration" in that city on the preceding day. There was a prodigious procession of citizens—over three thousand being in line; there was a prodigious mass meeting in the theatre, at which glowing speeches were delivered by distinguished gentlemen; there were flags and bands of music; there were two Union Clubs, German Turners, and citizens on horseback: there were boys and girls costumed in white, and bearing devices and emblems; there was (to quote the Memphis Bulletin) a "magnificent car, of immense proportions, covered with pink, and drawn by twelve gray horses, while in the centre rose a dome of blue, resting on pillars, and within the circle of the dome, stood a tall young lady of a regal style of beauty, (whose name the Memphis editor does not hesitate to give), habited in the costume of the Goddess of Liberty." In short—for we cannot add to the ornamental skill of the Bulletin—"beauty was there, brave warriors, loyal men, flouting banners, streamers wantoning in the wind, flags displaying the emblems of our proud nationality, and martial and patriotic airs pealing from trumpets and bounding from drums, added an exultant feature to the magnificent display."

All this in Memphis—in that city from which, of all cities of the South, we heard, but a few months ago, the loudest and fiercest declarations of deathless devotion to the rebellion—where the howls of defiance to the Yankees fairly split the ears of the world—where every soul had sworn to perish in that last ditch which Gen. PILLLOW had dug and Rev. Gen. POIR had consecrated. In the Spring, the Memphians were in the precise condition of mind in which the Richmond correspondent of the London Times describes the people of the rebel Capital, and of the entire South, now to be. But they have grown wiser since then; half a year of Union rule has effected a change in the city. In all this, there is an instructive lesson to the London Times man, as well as to those here who may yet imagine that the people of any part of the South will "fight to the last man," or will not acquiesce in destiny when the fortunes of war go against them.

RICHMOND THROUGH BRITISH SPECTACLES.—We congratulate the London Times upon its acquisition of a special correspondent at Richmond, Virginia. We do not wonder at the tone of exultation in which it announces the fact to its readers. Now, at last, the European world will learn the truth in regard to the South. Hitherto it has been a great cause of complaint with the Times that its accounts had to be derived, in great measure, from the North; for, of course, a people who were so degraded as to be out of humor with England, and not to admire the London Times, could not be relied upon for any statement. We, it is true, have thought that the accounts of matters here, which have gone to the English people through the columns of the Times, were not unreasonably unfavorable to the rebellion, and certainly no one could find fault with the conductors of the Times if they were so. Had they not displaced one correspondent, whose letters betrayed some sense of justice to the North? Had they not sent over a special, whose sympathies as well as his accuracy, were well indicated by his relying upon the editorials of the Caucasian for information about the President's statements of his purposes? But still, even with the most favorable intentions, some things would get into the correspondence which told against the rebellion. That clunge the new series of letters will undoubtedly be quite free from. Whether its statements will be entirely impartial and unprejudiced, and whether anything will be stated without indisputable evidence of its falsehood, time will show. As a sample of it thus far, we may refer to some of the avowments in the first letter, which we give this morning.

Again we congratulate the Times on its acquisition. Nor do we know that we object to this exhibition of enterprise. It would be fair for both parties to have the story of each side told by one who was favorable to it. But that could hardly be expected in this case. The standard of British neutrality would be violated if anything more was done than to have the South tell its own story, and a sympathizer with secession report ours.

The Times speaks of the interest with which all accounts from the South have been read—of course it means rebel accounts. The accounts which have been given of things in the rebel dominions, by Union men who have escaped from there, have never seemed, that we are aware of, to excite any great interest in England. But we have no doubt that these letters from their special will be read with as much interest there as ever were the Travels of Baron Munchausen, and judging from the first one, we are inclined to think that History will put about as much reliance upon them.

Correction.

We are requested to state that the report published in the Times of yesterday, that Mr. C. A. DANA has been appointed Assistant Secretary of War, is erroneous. Mr. WOLCOTT still holds

his office, and neither Mr. DANA, nor any other person, so far as we are aware, has been appointed in his place.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.
 WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Nov. 13.

THE GOVERNMENT FINANCES.
 The recent prompt return to Secretary CHASE, without security, of the twelve millions of dollars needed to start the Army of the Potomac on an advance, and the rapid absorption of the thirteen million loan on the most favorable terms, would seem to indicate on the part of the capitalists of Wall-street an entire confidence in the management of the Treasury Department, as well as the ultimate solvency of the Government. When the present condition of the public credit is compared with that in which Mr. CHASE found it on assuming office, a conclusion must be drawn highly favorable to his management.

The estimates for the future would seem to justify the hopes of the most sanguine friends of the present system. Making all reasonable allowances for the continuance of hostilities, it seems clear that the income to be derived from the taxes now provided for by law, must easily pay the annual interest on the debt being contracted, and leave an ample sinking fund for its final and early extinction. With this reasonable certainty, there is no valid reason why the present prices should be demanded and paid for specie, for mere purposes of exchange; nor is it likely, should our arms prove successful under the new policy of the President, that these prices could long be maintained.

BATAARD'S ADVANCE ON FREDERICKSBURG.

A gentleman who arrived here on Tuesday, from Aquia Creek, which place he left that morning, says that the rebel force at Fredericksburg (six companies of cavalry) was completely taken by surprise at our rapid advance upon Falmouth, and, after succeeding in making their escape from our cavalry under Gen. BATAARD. The greatest joy was manifested by the Union people of Fredericksburg and vicinity when they heard of the advance of the Union army in that direction. Most of the negroes in the country around Fredericksburg had been sent to Richmond and other points farther South.

While BATAARD'S Cavalry was at Falmouth on Saturday, the rebels opened fire from four pieces of artillery stationed on a hill in rear of Fredericksburg. It was replied to by PATTER'S New-York Battery, who soon silenced it. Our battery was fired from the side of the road, in the rear of Falmouth, and nothing but the early evacuation by the rebels saved their town from destruction. Our correspondent heard an engine whistling in the town, and it has here this reached Richmond, and that the troops were there. Contrabands say the rebels are in good order all the way to Richmond—a three hours' ride.

POSITION OF THE REBEL ARMY.

Latest intelligence, believed to be reliable, shows that the main body of the rebel army has been concentrated in reaching a point between our army at Falmouth, JACKSON and STUART are said to be between Culpepper and Warrenton.

ALL QUIET IN FRONT.

Up to 10 o'clock to-night, it was reported to be quiet along the front of our armies in Virginia, and the headquarters of the army.

SECRETARY CHASE AND GEN. HALL.

The new estimate of the rebels' strength, sprung up between Secretary CHASE and Gen. HALL, gives sincere satisfaction to the friends of both gentlemen.

STRIKEN FROM THE ROLLS FOR ABSENCE WITH-

OUT LEAVE.

One hundred officers, absent without leave, were to-day stricken from the rolls, and their names will be published to-morrow. This is the first installment of the one thousand now absent skulking.

THE NEW MILITARY COMMISSION.

The Military Commission to investigate the leading features of Gen. BRUCE'S late campaign in Kentucky, will consist of Major-Gen. LEW. WALLACE, Brig-Gen. SCOTT, and Brig-Gen. TRASK, of Connecticut. One or two names may possibly be added. The Commission will be required to make a full and specific report on all the incidents of the battle of Perryville, wherein the gallant McClellan was so nearly sacrificed.

GEN. FITZ-JOHN PORTER'S CASE.

The Court of Inquiry now about to assemble for the investigation of certain charges against Gen. FITZ-JOHN PORTER, will have for its presiding officer Major-Gen. HENRY, whose high character and large experience will give weight to his decisions. The remaining members of the Court will consist of Brig-Gen. GARRARD, PATTERSON and BRUCE, United States Volunteers, and Brig-Gen. VAN W. M. MILES, United States Army. The presence of Gens. HENRY and GARRARD on this Court is evidence that the great Southern expedition, in which they are to have command, will be delayed some weeks—probably owing to the non-readiness of the iron-clads.

MAJ.-GEN. McDOWELL.

The Court of Inquiry asked for by Gen. McDOWELL will consist of Major-Gen. CRAWFORD and Brig-Gen. MARTINDALE and VAN ALLEN. The highest confidence is expressed by Gen. McDOWELL'S friends that the result of the investigation about to be had will amply clear his reputation from all the base and gross aspersions recently directed against him, and in honor of the fact. That Gen. McDOWELL has been an unfortunate officer, there can be no doubt, but to accuse him of secret sympathy with the rebellion, is unpardonable.

The Court of Inquiry in Gen. McDOWELL'S case will meet on Friday, the 21st inst., in Washington. The Court of Inquiry in Gen. BRUCE'S case will meet at Indianapolis. The Military Commission to investigate the charges preferred by Gen. PORTER against Gen. FITZ-JOHN PORTER will assemble here to-morrow at 11 o'clock. The Court of Inquiry in Gen. McDOWELL'S case will probably cover the whole ground of the war, and may possibly destroy many notorious reputations. It is regarded as the most important tribunal convened since the commencement of the war.

Gen. FITZ-JOHN PORTER has retained as counsel before the Military Commission, Hon. CHARLES FAY, of this city, formerly Minister to Venezuela, at one time editor of the Constitution, when that paper was the organ of President Pierce.

THE SANITARY COMMISSION.

The members of the Sanitary Commission, headed by Dr. VAN BUREN, F. L. OGDEN, Mr. BIRNEY, of Philadelphia, Dr. A. A. HARRIS, and others, waited to-day upon the Secretary of War and Gen. HALL, in regard to matters connected with the health of our army. By Gen. HALL they were respectfully referred to the Surgeon-General for all details connected with the medical stores and hospital supplies, and to the Quartermaster-General for all details connected with the organization of the ambulance service.

GEN. SKYMOOR.

Gen. SKYMOOR, at his own request, has been relieved of his command in the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps. He will be ordered to report to Gen. HUNTER.

GEN. WADSWORTH.

Gen. WADSWORTH will leave here on a visit to New-

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Our advices from the Army of the Potomac are not specially important. The bulk of our forces still remain on the north side of the Rappahannock, and the rebel pickets occupy the south bank. A company of rebel scouts, on Wednesday night, burnt a bridge on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, near Catlett's Station. Scouts and refugees report that the rebel Gen. EARLY is at Shepherd's Mills with 9,000 men; that Gen. MACALL is near the same place with a like number; that a rebel force of 10,000 is near Ashby's and Snicker's Gaps, and that a force of 8,000 rebels has advanced from Warrenton to Gainesville, which has been evacuated by Gen. SIOUX. The letters of our special correspondents will be found of much interest, as detailing the recent movements of our army.

A dispatch to the Washington Star, under date of Fairfax Station, Nov. 19, says: "I hear that yesterday the main body of Gen. SIOUX's command took a position for the time being ranging from Centerville to the Bull Run battle-ground, including the latter within their lines; the General himself being now at Centerville. There has been, however, no signs of the enemy this side of Thoroughfare Gap, that I can hear of. SIOUX's movement in this direction, therefore, has been, at least, in connection and concert with the movement of BERNARD'S army."

Gen. BUTLER writes in a recent letter, alluding to the battle of Baton Rouge, "the loss of Gen. WILLIAMS is irreparable: he fought the most gallant, chivalric, and best contested battle of the war, and had he remained to us one hour longer, he would have captured BRAXSIE's and his entire army."

News from New-Orleans to the 19th inst. is received by way of Havana. Admiral FARAGUT arrived there on the 9th, and was received with all the honors by the French and English war vessels in port. An explosion had taken place on a train on the Algiers Railroad, near the Lafayette Station, by which eleven persons were killed and seventeen wounded. The explosion was caused by ammunition in a car behind the locomotive tender. Lieut. BERNARD, commanding the naval forces cooperating with Gen. WEITZEL, had made another excursion up Bayou Teche, and encountered the rebel gunboat *Colton* and several batteries on shore. He succeeded in dislodging the rebels from the shore batteries.

Our latest advices from Gen. GRANT's army at Holly Springs are to the effect that a halt has been made there, and that hospitals are being prepared, and large quantities of forage collected, as though it was intended to make it the base of operations. A depot for contrabands had also been established at Grand Junction.

The Chicago Journal, of Tuesday, says: "A gentleman at Cairo informs us that between 25,000 and 30,000 soldiers have passed down the river within the last two weeks. Those going down during last week went to Memphis and Helena—most of them to the former. It is now understood that Gen. SHERMAN, at present in Memphis, will cooperate with Gen. GRANT, now moving against the enemy in Mississippi. From this it would appear that the report that the new troops now going down the river are to be organized into a distinct army under Gen. McCLELLAN is not correct."

The Chicago Tribune insists that Government should immediately institute an inquiry into the charges preferred against the officers of the army at Helena, Ark., of having been engaged in cotton speculations. The Tribune says: "We have before us now a long letter from a Captain in that army—a man of sense and veracity—in which the particulars of certain operations are set forth, and the names of the operators given. We decline to print it, but send it to the War Department without comment, entreating Mr. STANTON, publicly, to see to it that the offenders, if they shall prove such, are punished, or that the injustice of the rumors with which the whole West is filled, is exposed."

GENERAL NEWS.

The steamship *Perna* arrived at this port last night, with advices from Europe three days later than were received by the *Nova Scotia*. She left Liverpool on the 8th inst., and Queenstown on the 10th. Some of the papers were again giving currency to the rumor that the Paris Convention of the London Times gives one to the effect that "overtures have been, or are to be made, by France to the Russian Government, with a view to taking into serious consideration the state of affairs in America, the disastrous effects of the civil war on Europe generally, and whether the time has not now come for the Powers to make a move toward mediation or recognition of the Confederate States." The London Herald also gives currency to a similar rumor. The depredations of the pirate *Alabama* were engaging the attention of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, some of the members of which do not like the freedom with which SUMNER has disposed of British property on board one of his prizes. A memorial had been prepared on the subject, for presentation to Earl RUSSELL. The intelligence received by the *Nova Scotia* regarding the action of the Spanish Government in the case of the steamer *Blanche* is corroborated. The Spanish authorities, however, apprehend no difficulty in adjusting the matter satisfactorily. The Continental news by this arrival is not of special importance.

We have, by way of Havana, some additional Mexican news of interest, including a résumé of proceedings on the opening of the Mexican Congress, which took place on the 20th ult. The Message of President J. J. J. is full of patriotism and hope, and the French will gather from it the assurance that the campaign undertaken by them will be no child's play. The President of the Chamber also made a patriotic speech on the occasion.

The trial of Police-Superintendent KENNEDY for alleged false imprisonment of Mrs. BRAYMAN and abuse of her and her friends, was commenced yesterday before the Police Commissioners, A.

number of witnesses were examined, including the unfortunate lady herself. The testimony as to the mode of arrest and incarceration and detention was interesting—especially that of Mrs. BRAYMAN. So far, the reputation of Mr. KENNEDY is fair to come out more unscathed than that of some other parties connected with the case. Mr. BAKER, Provost-Marshal of the War Department, is held up by the testimony in no enviable light.

Coroner RANNEY was engaged yesterday afternoon in the investigation of a most remarkable case of crime and death, involving the ruin of a young lady, and the reputation of an old and experienced physician of this City. Miss CARMEN, a beautiful girl, about 20 years of age, and said to have been possessed of great beauty and accomplishments, died suddenly on Wednesday night, and the facts and circumstances attending her death are such as to warrant the belief that crime of the darkest and most villainous nature has been perpetrated. The suspected parties are under arrest, and the whole affair will receive a thorough investigation at the hands of the official who have it in charge. The father of the deceased is one of our most respected citizens.

The murder of ALABAMA HARRISON, at Port Richmond, Staten Island, is yet being investigated by Coroner DEWEY. The affair is still enveloped in painful mystery to the good people of that village and the law officers, but it is thought that certain suspicions arising from the drift of the evidence, may yet lead to some tangible proof as to who committed the crime. The funeral of the victim takes place to-day.

The Board of Councilmen were without a quorum at their meeting at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon—the members being mostly absorbed in politics—and adjourned till 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

The Supervisors, as County Canvassers, failed of a quorum at their meeting yesterday noon, and adjourned till noon to-day (the last of the 10th) day for which they can receive the compensation of \$2 per day allowed by law.

The Councilmanic Market Committee failed to meet yesterday, as advertised, to consider the subject of the selection of a first-class market site on the North River, above Hammond-street. The Tammany and Mozart Committees met again yesterday in Tammany Hall. Alderman BOWEN, declining to act as the Comp. Controllor, Judge MATTHEW T. BRENNAN was nominated unanimously. For Corporation Counsel, the Mozart Committee, after some little discussion, nominated JOHN E. DEVELIN in preference to GEORGE C. GAZZAR. Each Committee notified the other of its nomination.

The Albany Journal says: "The complexion of the Assembly is exactly this: Sixty-four Republican Union, elected over Democratic opponents; 63 Regular Democrats, and one who has always acted with the Republicans, but was nominated by the Convention, and of course elected without opposition."

Hon. HORATIO SEYMOUR, Governor elect of the State, arrived in Albany on Wednesday, and will remain there for two or three days. He is the guest of Hon. ERASTUS CORNING.

Two prize cargoes of salt were sold by order of the Court, in Philadelphia, on Wednesday; 3,470 bushels of fine salt sold for 45 cents the bushel, and 1,000 bushels of ground salt brought 44 cents the bushel. A lot of chicory was sold at 74 cents the pound, and 39 cases of preserved vegetables brought \$1 the case.

Gov. HOLBROOK has appointed Thursday, Dec. 4, as the day for Thanksgiving in Vermont—thus breaking the line, as all the other States observe the 25th of November.

The Military Prison at Alton, Ill., was partially destroyed by fire on the morning of Nov. 17. Several of the prisoners, just how many could not be ascertained, took advantage of the excitement to make their escape.

Quite an excitement was created in St. Louis on Monday by the statement that counterfeit \$5 Treasury Notes—photographs of the original—were in circulation. The alleged counterfeit proved to be a genuine bill which had passed through the hands of a butcher and become greased so as to be partially transparent.

The Secretary of War has officially notified the Indiana State authorities of the exchange of the original and five copies of the Fifty-fifth Indiana Regiment, taken prisoners and paroled at Richmond, Ky., the Fifteenth, Sixtieth, Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth, Eighty-ninth, part of the Seventeenth and Seventy-fourth, taken at Munfordsville, including the officers. The officers and men are enthusiastic over the news, and express a desire to be sent to the field without delay. The following officers have also been exchanged: Brig.-Gen. Manson, Col. Wilder, of the Seventeenth; Col. Gooding, of the Twenty-second; Lieut.-Col. Dunn, of the Twenty-ninth; Lieut. Mason, of the Thirtieth Battery; Quartermaster Inge, of the Thirty-fifth; Lieut. Borlet, of the Eightieth; Capt. J. H. Ferry, Assistant Quartermaster; Lieut. Davis, Thirty-sixth; Penner, Thirty-ninth, and Coleman, Forty-second. The new regiments are also well equipped, and are to be sent to the field in a magnificent manner, and added to the Fifth Cavalry, with four batteries of artillery, are all said to be under marching orders. They will make an efficient division.

There are a large number of fugitive contrabands in St. Louis, and they are in such a destitute condition that the Mayor and military authorities have been obliged to adopt measures for their relief.

Official returns from all but three counties in New-Jersey, make the majority for Gov. PARKER 14,500 heavier than any ever before given in the State for a gubernatorial candidate. The work of raising the sunken United States war vessels at Norfolk, Hampton Roads, &c., is actively and successfully progressing. The frigate *Albatross* was raised yesterday, and pumped out, and towed to the Gosport Navy-yard. Work has also been commenced upon the line-of-battle-ships *Delaware* and *Columbia*, and they will probably be raised, whole, in a few days. Preparations for raising the *Cumberland*, *Conan* and *Merrimack* are also in progress. The contractor, Mr. T. P. WELLS, of Boston, is confident of his ability to raise the whole fleet—comprising thirteen war vessels—by the early part of next Spring. A very large force of divers and machinery are employed on the work, and an investment upward of \$70,000 has been made in the enterprise.

The Troy Times has raised its price, in consequence of the increased cost of paper.

The millers in Philadelphia, and to a certain extent elsewhere, have great trouble at the present time in procuring a sufficient number of flour barrels to carry on their operations. Second-hand barrels have advanced in price from fifteen to fifty cents each, and new ones can scarcely be obtained at any price.

Judge HALL, of Buffalo, has decided that sailors employed upon the Northwestern lakes are exempt from the draft.

In the Court of Sessions, yesterday, SHADRACK RIX, colored, was placed on trial for manslaughter in killing JOHN DONNELLY with a knife, on the 5th of October last. The trial will be resumed this morning.

The Harbottle case terminated at the Circuit of the Supreme Court, yesterday, Justice PORTER, in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$2,000. A motion for extra allowance was postponed until to-day. A case involving some interesting questions of British property on board one of his prizes, at the Special Term of Common Pleas, yesterday, notice of which will be found in the law column.

The Stock Market worked very irregular yesterday, ultimately closing with more appearance of steadiness. The price of Gold was 150 1/2; bills on London, 144 1/2; money 7 1/2 cent; to the stock brokers at the close of the day, with transactions at 4 1/2 cent on Government paper.

Breadstuffs were depressed yesterday, and prices generally lower. Cotton was cheaper and inactive. Provisions were in good request. Hops advanced. Groceries were quiet. Hay, Hops, Spices, seeds, Hides, Tallow and Whisky were in moderate demand. Petroleum was free.

Offered at reduced rates, yet was less sought after. Limited Freight engagements were reported.

THE CITY SPOILS.—The harmonious Democracy of our City have at last made their nominations for Comptroller and Corporation Counsel. The inevitable and immaculate BOOKER yesterday laid aside "all personal and selfish considerations," and respectfully declined the nomination for the Comptrollership, which was tendered him, and Judge MATTHEW

T. BRENNAN was unanimously appointed to run in his stead.

We wonder by what happy accident the men who nominated BOOKER should have hit upon JOHN E. DEVELIN for Corporation Counsel. He is a gentleman and a man of talent, acquisitions and character,—and as he is quite certain, as things now look, to be elected, we can congratulate the City on the prospect of having this office respectably filled.

"What Has England to do With This?"

Such is the question put by the London Times, in response to the remonstrances of our Chamber of Commerce against the construction and equipment and manning of the Confederate cruiser, *Alabama*, in an English port. Like a certain other question of old, it is not seriously asked, and yet is a serious question.

We say it is not seriously asked. No living intelligence knows better than the London Times that the act complained of was an English wrong, which English authority ought to have prevented. Even were it weak enough to get entangled in its own sophistry, as a spider, sore and purulent with overmuch venom, sometimes sinks helpless in its own meshes, yet every quibble and subterfuge was brushed away by the unqualified decision of the law officers of the Crown, that the preparation and sale of the *Alabama* for a belligerent purpose was in direct violation of the Queen's Proclamation. The Times knows, too, that that decision was accepted by the Government, and that measures were taken by it, ostensibly at least, against the departure of the vessel. Argument, upon our side of the water, is needless. British authority itself acknowledges the breach of neutrality. Nobody who ever read that proclamation, and knows what words mean, could have an instant's doubt about it. What our people complain of is not the perversion of law, but its non-enforcement. Our Consul at Liverpool, weeks before the *Alabama* sailed, acquainted the British Customs authorities of the true character of that vessel. They did nothing. The Board of Trade was then appealed to. Not a movement would they make. The Foreign Office itself was finally approached directly, but its action was so tardy and inadequate that the vessel put to sea in its own time, fully prepared in every particular for its piratical work. It is not morally possible, then, that the chief newspaper of England should seriously ask—"What has England to do with this?" The inquiry is simply an impertinence, and so designed.

And yet it is a serious question. England may treat it as cavalierly as she pleases, but the matter is none the less grave for all that. It is very important to us, and, if Englishmen were wiser, they would make it more important to themselves. There is substantially no difference between allowing a ship-of-war like the *Alabama*—built, owned, manned by Englishmen—to sail from an English port, under an English flag, to turn American ships, than to allow an English man-of-war itself to do it. Unless repudiated and redressed, the one is as much an act of war as would be the other. Our Government has been flagrantly delinquent if it has not so put the case to the English rulers. The occasion demands nothing short of that bold, plain truth. The time may not have yet come for a settlement, but it is of sovereign consequence that we keep the record clear. In all earthly probability we shall sometime be in a situation to enforce redress, if it be now denied. The rebellion, which now confines our energies at home, at worst cannot continue long. There are the best reasons for believing that it will be entirely overcome within the coming year, and that the Government from that time will be immeasurably stronger than ever for all belligerent purposes, foreign as well as domestic. There are, too, very strong arguments tending to show that of all the methods calculated to cure the sectional heart-burnings which this rebellion will leave, and to restore the old proud national spirit, none would be so effective as a good stiff foreign war for a year or two. This being a matter which touches our very vitality as a nation, of course the expense of such a war would be but a secondary consideration; and we shall be better able to bear that expense than England herself, with her thrice larger debt. But even though circumstances require us to postpone the settlement for years, it will not materially affect the matter. Americans have long memories, and they are not apt, in their foreign affairs, to recognize any statute of limitations. ANDREW JACKSON taught this to France in 1836, when, so much against her will, she was made to pay the twenty-five millions of francs for spoliation on American commerce, under the operation of the decrees of NAPOLEON. He gave a similar lesson to Naples in 1832. It may be England's turn next. Whether it be one or five, fifteen or thirty years hence, her turn will surely come, if she persists in launching corsairs against our commerce. For every dollar of American property thus destroyed, reparation will be required. If one Administration be not disposed to push the demand, even up to the final ultimatum, if necessary, another will. As nothing could be more just, so nothing would be more popular. JACKSON'S stern dealings with France and Naples added greatly to his already great popularity, though our people were amicably disposed to both of those nations. Toward England there is not, and for the next generation at least, there will not be any such feeling. She is known to have done all that she has dared to do, to break us down and destroy us, in the day of our agony. This thing will be remembered. England will be hated for it, till the last American now on the stage goes to his grave. She used to complain of the disposition of our masses to seek a quarrel with her. So far as that disposition existed, it was the heritage of 1776 and 1812; but it was as nothing to what will be the harvest of enmity

she is now sowing. If the present outrages go on, England may depend upon it that the day of reckoning will come. The question, "What has England to do with this?" will find its due answer, either now or hereafter—either in prevention, or in penalty.

Slavery and the War.

The Chicago Times copies a paragraph from our columns, asserting that "the war is waged now, as it has been from the beginning, to crush the rebellion and restore the Union and the supremacy of the Constitution." After some personal slurs, which we pass as unworthy of notice, the Times says:

"The meaning here is, that there has been no change in the minds of the Administration at Washington as to the object for which the war should be prosecuted. Why, then, has there been a departure from the Crittenden Resolutions? Will it be averred that the Proclamation and the Crittenden resolutions are identical in meaning, or that the last is not opposed, in letter and spirit, to the first?"

We do aver just that. The Crittenden resolutions, adopted with substantial unanimity by Congress, declared the object of the war to be the restoration of the Union and the supremacy of the Constitution,—and that when that object shall have been attained the war should stop. We believe the object of the war to be precisely the same to-day. We believe that if the supremacy of the Constitution should be reestablished, if the Union should be restored,—if every State now in rebellion should resume its old place and its old obligations as one of the United States,—the war would stop instantly. Does the Chicago Times think differently? If so, we should like to know on what basis, or with what reason.

So far as the object of the war,—the motive for its prosecution,—the end which is sought to be accomplished by it, is concerned, the President's proclamation and the Crittenden resolutions are "identical in meaning." Both aim at precisely the same result. Both propose precisely the same object in prosecuting the war. Both would stop the war at the same time and on precisely the same contingency, namely, the restoration of the Union and the Constitution. The difference between those documents is this: The proclamation prescribes one means of carrying on the war,—one definite and distinct step to be taken, in order to make the war effectual, while the resolutions do not deal with that branch of the subject at all, but confine themselves wholly to a definition of the object and purpose of the war itself. The proclamation goes further than the resolutions,—but in the same direction. It embodies more, but it embodies nothing hostile to their "letter and spirit." The emancipation of slaves, with which the proclamation menaces the rebels if they persist in their rebellion, is not proposed as an object of the war. If it were, it would insist that the war should be carried on until that object is attained. But if the rebels see fit to desist from fighting,—if they will return to their allegiance,—the war will stop and Slavery will remain untouched.

This seems to us a perfectly just and common-sense view of this question. But the Chicago Times thinks that it is unconstitutional to interfere with Slavery, even for such a purpose. It says:

"The proclamation proposes, by force, to abolish an institution protected by the Constitution and involving interests of thousands of millions of dollars. How can this be done and the supremacy of the Constitution maintained?"

Does the Times hold that Slavery in the heart of South Carolina is "protected by the Constitution" to-day? If it is, then the National Government would be bound to put down an insurrection of the slaves in South Carolina, against the authorities of that State, who are themselves in rebellion against the National Government. In other words, we may fight the rebels, but must protect them at the same time. Does not the bare statement of the proposition demonstrate its absurdity? The rebels at the South have repudiated the Constitution,—its obligations and its guarantees,—the duties it imposed upon them and the protection it gave them. They cannot repudiate the one without repudiating the other also. We cannot possibly give them the one except on condition of their yielding the other. We cannot protect them, while their rebellion compels us to fight them.

But the Times says upon this point

"If the rebels have repudiated the obligations of the Constitution, will it be urged that we are justified in following their example? The object of the war is to reduce rebels to the authority of the Constitution. With what propriety can we demand obedience from them, while treating them with contempt ourselves? From what source do we derive authority to deny them the protection after they have laid down their arms?"

After the rebels shall have "laid down their arms," the National Government will not deny them its protection. The President's proclamation distinctly invites them to lay down their arms, as the condition and guarantee of receiving that aid and support which the Constitution secures them. All they have to do to secure its protection, is again to come under its shelter. Is there anything unreasonable in this?

But it is asked where do we get the right to strike at Slavery even as a means of crushing the rebellion? Precisely where we get the right to strike at any other element of power which the rebellion is using against us. The power to make war implies and involves the power to strike at many things which, in a state of peace, the Constitution protects. That instrument provides, for example, that "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law;"—yet we are daily depriving persons in the rebel ranks of "life, liberty and property" without any process of law whatever. Must we stop to indict, arrest and try every rebel soldier before our troops can fire upon him or take him prisoner? Slavery is a prodigious element of strength to the rebellion. It multiplies its military power,—for it releases every white man from labor and sends him to the field. It is a tremendous weapon in the hands of the rebels,—aimed and wielded with fatal effect at the national existence. Why have not our military authorities precisely the same right to deprive the rebellion of that weapon which they have to deprive it of any other? Why must slaves be left in rebel

hands to do their work, while muskets and rifled cannon may be taken from them?

In no just sense of the term is this an Abolition war. By no fair construction of its language can the President's proclamation be deemed an Abolition paper. It warns the rebels that if they persist in rejecting the Constitution, they shall be deprived of the protection it gives them. But it also gives them notice that if they will return to its jurisdiction, they shall have the full benefit of the guarantees which it embodies. They can save Slavery, if they choose to do so; if they refuse, they will have only themselves to blame.

The Struggle in Virginia.

It is understood that a number of the Expeditions which were being gotten up for operating on the Southern coast and against points of secondary importance, have been abandoned, and that the forces in the field will now be directed to the main purpose of capturing Richmond and defeating the principal rebel army. The number of men at this moment in the military service of the Government is greater than ever before; but it is clear enough that if we abstract from our Eastern army troops sufficient to capture and hold Texas, to seize and occupy Charleston, Savannah and Mobile, and to operate in North Carolina, Louisiana and Florida, we shall really be able to bring not more than a moiety of our strength against that great rebel force in Virginia which gives to the Confederacy coherency and vitality. The main thing to be done, in a military point of view, and the chief thing which the country desires, is the defeat of Gen. LEE. His army broken, and the Confederacy will perish.

The Government, we suppose, is not behind the people in comprehending that this is really the thing that is to be done. And seeing that the matter is practicable—seeing that there can be no doubt that we are all our forces concentrated in Virginia and hurled upon the rebel army and the rebel Capital, they would, if handled with any sort of skill, surely overthrow the one and capture the other. We presume that the work cut out for the winter is the accomplishment of these objects. What may happen after these ends are achieved, it is useless for any one to speculate upon. The rebel army and Government might, perchance, move to Raleigh or Columbia, or some other point in the far South. Whether they did so or not, would depend very much upon what condition their defeat might leave them in. If their defeat proved a Waterloo—as why should it not?—it would probably be some time before we learned where they proposed to reorganise their shattered forces. In fact, were Virginia in our possession, along with the Mississippi River, the aspect of the rebellion would be so entirely changed that new plans of campaign would be inevitable. We could then, at our leisure, send off detachments to possess Texas, to operate on the coast, and to capture the few cities on the Southern seaboard which it would be worth while to occupy.

The change of base to Fredericksburgh, and the rapid movement of all available troops to other points in Virginia, to cooperate with BRAXSIE, would seem to indicate that no time is to be lost in carrying out the new programme. We presume that the greater part of the Army of the Potomac has by this time reached Fredericksburgh, and we know that preparations for joint action from other quarters are in such a state of forwardness that there will be no delay when BRAXSIE is ready. Those who anticipated that BRAXSIE would be in Richmond in ten days from the time when he began to change his base will probably be disappointed. The circumstances under which his army is moved, the country over which it is moved, and the mass of men and material that are involved in the movement, forbid that he should swoop down from Warrenton to the rebel Capital with any such velocity as PLEASANTON'S Cavalry sweep after the columns of Stonewall JACKSON. He has, too, a mighty, a vigilant, a skillful and a desperate foe within a few miles of his line of advance, and it is necessary that he should so move as to circumvent the purposes of that enemy, whatever they may be. But, as we intimated once before, Gen. BRAXSIE's stay at Fredericksburgh will be short. Whatever may be the enemy's plans, they will not succeed in retaining him there.

Of the movements of LEE's army we are as yet ill informed. We have no definite news of its having left Gordonsville, though it is stated with a good deal of certainty that JACKSON has left the Shenandoah Valley, and joined his forces with the main body. LEE is very likely delaying to see the development of BRAXSIE's plan. By remaining at Gordonsville he retains the entire body of troops under Gen. SIOUX, between Manassas and Washington, which, in case of his advance to Richmond, might be detached to act directly with BRAXSIE. When BRAXSIE's movement southward from Fredericksburgh begins, LEE can rush his troops forward from Gordonsville over the Virginia Central Railroad, and meet our advance at the point where the Fredericksburgh road crosses the former, some twenty miles north of Richmond. Both armies are about the same distance from the rebel Capital; but LEE is so situated that he can checkmate our advance with some facility. If he attempt that, however, it will occupy the whole of his army, and then will be the moment when our Virginia forces, at other points of the compass, can be brought into effectual service.

The grand manoeuvres of the two great combatants are now progressing with such rapidity, and in both cases they are bearing toward points of such fundamental importance, that we need not be astonished if any day sees the whole matter brought to a headway. Our battles have steadily increased in magnitude since the war began, but the one now pending, and whose shock will soon shake the world, has in its elements of decisiveness as well as vastness, which surpass any other combat in this struggle of giants.

United America.

We publish this morning an interesting account of a recent reunion at Santiago, the Capital of Chili, at which were present the American Minister and Dr. MACKAY, of the State Department, with many distinguished Chilean and other South American Statesmen.

The occasion was the promotion of a union among the various Republics on this Continent, and the expression of sympathy toward the North in its struggle for the maintenance of Democratic Institutions against domestic foes, and toward Mexico in her struggle to preserve those institutions against an attack from without in the attempt of France to again establish European domination on this Continent.

The speeches delivered on the occasion show that a movement toward the establishment of such a Union is already initiated, and that the sentiment throughout the Spanish American Republics is already ripe for such an alliance with the United States. All of these Republics are alarmed by the movements of France against Mexico, and look upon that step as but the precursor of similar attacks upon their own independence, unless resisted at the outset, and they are turning to the North, now that the barrier of Slavery and filibusterism is removed, with frank trust and cordial confidence of sympathy and support.

We have been too prone to let our thoughts rest constantly upon Europe, and to be startled and alarmed by the first rumor of unfavorable appearances there. We have no right to expect sympathy or even willing neutrality from that quarter. Monarchical Europe must of necessity look with unfavorable eyes upon Republican America. But our true safety is to turn our attention to our own continent, and to cultivate those elements of union and of alliance in which would be found a strength too great for any attack from across the seas.

America has all the elements within herself to resist and to defy any action of the European Powers, and half the time and thought now bestowed upon petty and undignified attempts to win their applause or avert their frown, would have ere this established and cemented relations of alliance and friendship with our sister Republics on this continent, bound to us by a community of interest, which would not only have effectually prevented any attempt at European interference on this continent, but which would have relieved those Republics from the evils of that system of European intrigue and diplomacy which has been their chief barrier to stability and progress since their independence.

"America for the Americans," as our rallying cry, and an united resolution to shake off that incubus of diplomatic influence everywhere persistently and constantly exerted by Europe on this Continent, against the success of Republican institutions and the permanency of Constitutional Government, would at once and effectually enable us to form such a union of all the American Republics as would forever relieve us and them from all further apprehension, whether real or imaginary, of danger from any European Power.

Our relations and interests on this Continent have been too much neglected, and the true means of our protection against the institutions and designs of Europe, have been overlooked in the eagerness with which we have watched the varying phases which have appeared on the surface of a policy which, in its depths, must always be hostile to the United States. Our true safety against Europe is in a United America.

ANOTHER SPEECH FROM GOV. SEYMOUR.—Gov. SEYMOUR made a speech at Rome a few days since, on the results of the late canvass. We have read it carefully, in order to discover from it precisely what principles were established by his recent election. We ascertain, beyond all doubt, that the Governor regards the election as having been one of unusual importance—that something of transcendent interest was settled by it, and that the whole country and the whole world will rejoice over it with great exultation. But beyond that, even his ideas seem to be somewhat vague. It has been, he says, a triumph for the Union and the Constitution—one which secures us here at the North from tyranny, and which, by some mysterious process unexplained, is to have a wonderful effect on the Southern States. On this point the Governor says:

"We have shown to loyal men at the South, and there are many thousand loyal men, who only waited to hear that they could be safe in the hands of the Union and under the shield of the Constitution, to declare themselves." From this time forth you will hear the evidences that we have kindled anew the fires of patriotism all over the land, and more particularly in those portions of it which have been cooled, and seared, and blasted by this great rebellion."

We don't quite understand this,—but presume it is all right. We never heard of a Union man at the South who had any apprehensions about his "safety," after he should get out of the realms of rebellion. None of those who have made their escape and come North, have had any trouble on that score. It is only while they stay there that they are not safe,—they dare not "declare themselves" for the Union, because they are sure to be hung for doing so. We don't exactly see how Gov. SEYMOUR's election is to give them any new assurances on this point, and we doubt very much whether they will "declare themselves" a moment sooner on account of it.

The one thing needful for them is deliverance from the rebel despotism which crushes them; and that can only be achieved by breaking down the military power which upholds it—by a vigorous, energetic, determined prosecution of the war. Whether Gov. SEYMOUR is in favor of this or not we have not searched his speech to ascertain,—but without effect. He has not one solitary syllable to say on that subject. He does not even allude to it. It is evident that we must wait until he makes another,—which would be long.

—Mme. Giffard, wife of the President of the Republic of Italy, who has been for some time residing privately in Paris, has presented the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul with a donation of 1,000 francs.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Nov. 20.

RETURNING CONFIDENCE.

The President, and, indeed, all authorities here, express themselves greatly pleased with the evident returning confidence and confidence of the public mind throughout the loyal States.

OFFICERS STRUCK FROM THE ROLL.

One hundred officers, absent from their commands without leave, being the first installment of the one thousand who are marked for dismissal, were yesterday struck from the rolls of the army, and their names will be published in a General Order stating the offenses of each, which order will be sent to Governors of all loyal States for publication in official State journals, and with directions that none of the men so dismissed shall ever hereafter be commissioned. The military gullotine is now fully at work, and the President is resolved to rid the service of all skulkers, cowards, drunkards, shufflers and men incompetent for their positions. Secret Provost-Marshal in Philadelphia today sent on an additional list of nearly four hundred officers, who have been losing without leave to hotels and boarding-houses of that city. Similar visitations are being made in New York, Boston and elsewhere.

ILLINOIS AFFAIRS.

Gov. YATES and Congressman ARNOLD, of Illinois, had an interview, to-day, with the President, in relation to widening the Illinois and Michigan Canal, so as to admit of the passage of gunboats from the Mississippi River to the lakes, asking the President to recommend the project in his forthcoming Message to Congress. Gov. YATES urged upon the President the necessity of standing by the recent Emancipation Proclamation, if he hoped for a speedy suppression of the rebellion. The President replied that he was as much determined in his course now as he had been when he signed the Proclamation to the President against the arming of Illinois troops with arms of European manufacture.

OFFICER ARRESTED.

Lieut. FRANK T. TRACY, of the Second New York Cavalry, was arrested to-day, for using profane language. He was sent to the Old Capitol Prison and will be tried by Court-martial.

OLD CAPITOL PRISONERS.

Major SEABORN, A. A. G. to Gen. WADSWORTH, will investigate the cases of all prisoners confined in the Old Capitol.

GEN. WADSWORTH.

Gen. WADSWORTH has leave of absence for fifteen days, from the 20th of November.

JOHN ROSS.

John Ross, head Chief of the Cherokee nation, arrived here yesterday morning, and had an interview with Commissioner DOLS, of the Indian Bureau, in relation to affairs among the Cherokees. Ross is very anxious that the Government should send a sufficient force to the Indian Territory, to protect the loyal Indians against the rebels.

CONTRACTS BY NEW-YORKERS.

During the past week the following contracts have been proposed to the War Department and its several Bureaus by citizens of the State of New York:

Wm. PALMER offers 20,000 long Enfield rifles at \$20 each.

Geo. F. SOUTHWICK renews offer of 15th of July for various kinds of arms.

Wm. BAKER, LEAHY & CO. offer all the English Enfield manufactured in Birmingham.

Capt. M. GARRIS offers to furnish 100,000 sets cavalry equipment at \$2.50 per set.

SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL.

There are 12,363 sick and wounded soldiers in the various hospitals in Washington, Georgetown and Alexandria. In the hospitals at Frederick there are 2,983, and at Hagerstown and Harper's Ferry about 2,000.

APPOINTMENT OF SURGEONS AND ASSISTANT SURGEONS.

The following appointments of Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of Volunteers have just been made:

Surgeons—Alexander B. Mott, New York; Wm. M. Bred, Pennsylvania; P. A. Jewett, Massachusetts; A. C. Hounnerville, Virginia; John J. Reese, Pennsylvania; W. S. Forbes, Virginia; Jas. C. Whitehill, Illinois; John O. Brunson, Connecticut; T. P. Gibbons, Pennsylvania; David Stanton, Ohio; F. S. Ainsworth, New Hampshire; F. Satter, Ohio; Howard Culbertson, Ohio.

Assistant Surgeons—E. D. Killoe, Illinois; Wm. Watson, Iowa; H. M. Crawford, Illinois; Wm. S. Edgar, Pennsylvania; A. T. Woodward, Vermont; C. E. Suayze, New Hampshire; L. H. Reed, Pennsylvania; E. J. Whitney, New York; E. Freeman, Ohio; R. T. Taylor, Virginia; L. D. Harlow, Vermont; R. W. Horner, New Jersey; M. H. Picot, Pennsylvania.

MEDICAL CHARGE.

Assistant Surgeon C. C. GALT, U. S. Volunteers, has been assigned in charge of the Military Hospital at Wilmington, Del.

DRUNKEN SURGEON DISMISSED.

By order of the President, Surgeon GEORGE BEAN, U. S. Volunteers, has been dismissed from the service for drunkenness. This precious disciple of Bacchus, the day after the battle of Antietam, instead of attending to the wounded placed in his charge, was found lying on the steps of one of the hospitals there, in a heavy state of intoxication.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Nov. 20.

THE RECENT EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

The following announcement of the result of the recent exchange of prisoners of war, at Aiken's Landing, is officially made, by order of the Secretary of War, and all officers and enlisted men interested will be governed accordingly.

First—All officers and enlisted men in the United States service, who have been captured and paroled in Virginia and Maryland, up to Nov. 1, 1862, except the officers and enlisted men captured and paroled in September, 1862, at Harper's Ferry, and not hereafter mentioned, and all deliveries of prisoners up to November 11, 1862, made to the United States authorities in the Peninsula and in its adjacent waters, are included in this exchange.

Second—All officers and enlisted men captured and paroled at Santa Rosa Island, Oct. 1, 1861.

Third—All officers and enlisted men captured and paroled at Chambersburg, Penn., Oct. 4, 1862.

Fourth—The Eleventh Ohio, captured at Clarksburg, Tennessee.

Fifth—Officers and enlisted men captured at South Mills, North Carolina.

Sixth—One hundred and four non-commissioned officers and privates, belonging to the Second United States Cavalry, Fifty-ninth, One Hundred and Eleventh, United States Infantry, Second United States Artillery, Third United States Infantry, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Seventeenth United States Infantry, Fourth and Fifth United States Artillery, sent from Annapolis, Md., to Columbus, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1862.

Seventh—All officers and enlisted men captured at or near Richmond, and Lexington, Ky., by the forces under the command of Gen. KIRK E. SMITH.

Eighth—All officers and enlisted men delivered to Capt. LEXINGTON WAXON, on the 1st, 9th, 7th, 12th and 20th of September, 1862.

Ninth—All officers and enlisted men, paroled at Cumberland Gap, on the 24th and 11th of October, 1862.

Tenth—Company A and Company F of the Fifth New York Artillery, detached from Eighth New York Cavalry, Thirty-ninth, One Hundred and Eleventh, One Hundred and Fifteenth, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Regiments New York, Oct. 4, 1862.

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FINANCIAL

BERMILYE & CO.,
No. 44 WALL-ST.,
Hand for immediate delivery, the
FIVE-YEAR SIX PER CENT. BONDS,
STATES, designated as the "FIVE-
PERCENT" bonds, at the pleasure of the Gov-
ernment, and authorized by Act of Con-
gress, 28, 1892.
BONDS are issued in sums of
\$100, \$500 and \$1,000.
PREFERRED BONDS in sums of
\$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000.
Commence from DATE of SUBSCRIP-

SALABLE IN GOLD, at the Mint, or any other place where gold coins are sold, from November and December of each year. At the rate now being paid, the **BONDS YIELD ABOUT 6 PER CENT.** The Government has no provision made by Custom duties. Exclusive Revenue, for the payment of interest on the principal, makes an investment in U. S. PROFITABLE and AVAILABLE as permanent Loan into which the Legal Funds are convertible. It will be noted that PAR in the market, and a PROFITABLE MODE OF INVESTMENT, for the STAPLES FUND of well as the EXCHANGE INDUSTRIAL.

received at PAR in LEGAL TENDER NOTES and CHECKS. BOND BONDS AT PAR. K. Subscribers by mail will receive them and every facility and explanation will be solicited at our office.

SALE at lowest market prices. \$ 20 PER CENT. CERTIFICATES OF INDEBT.

OF THE GREENWOOD CEMETERY.
No. 39 Broadway, Nov. 17, 1862.
JOHN PERRY TRUSTEES OF
will be held at this office on MON-
day, November 18, 1862, at two o'clock,
and close at 2 o'clock.
J. A. PERRY, Secretary.

MORTGAGE—FOR A TERM OF
years, a certain parcel of land situate
in No. 10 Apply to JAMES PRICE, Esq., No. 261

COMMERCIAL BANK OF TROY
for deposit, promissory notes given under
and Traders Bank.

F. L. BEAKE, Cashier.

NATIONAL COUPON DOBARGE AND
SILVIA STOUT BELLMONT & Co., New-Wall-st.

DIVIDENDS

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

SHERREY GIVEN THAT THE

share have been declared a dividend

available from all United States banks at the rate of 12 1/2% per annum. The money will begin on FEBRUARY 14th next. By order, HENRY T. JOHNSON, Secretary.

PARSONS BANK, New York, Nov. 7, 1892.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF PARSONS BANK:—The directors have this day declared a dividend of \$1.00 per share, free from United States tax, payable on the 15th day of DECEMBER next, to the stockholders of record on the 1st inst. to the 1st proximo.

K. BUCK, Cashier.

SAVINGS BANKS

NEW YORK SAVINGS BANK, 100 WALL ST., N. Y.

No. 100 Wall Street.

Open from 10 to 12 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesdays and Saturdays evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

THOMAS D. STILLMAN, President.

W. H. BROWN, Jr., Secretary.

NEW YORK SAVINGS BANK, CORNER

OF WALL AND NASSAU STS., N. Y.

Open from 10 to 12 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesdays and Saturdays evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

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FARMS.
WANTED—FROM THE TOBACCO
 CULTIVATORS OF NORTH CAROLINA
 TOBACCO. BROWN & SONS, 100
 N. 3RD ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

FOR EXCHANGE—A VERY
 ATTRACTIVE FARM, 100 ACRES
 MORE OR LESS, IN THE STATE OF
 MASSACHUSETTS, FOR SALE OR
 EXCHANGE. FOR INFORMATION
 APPLY TO THE AGENT, N. Y. H. & S. CO.,
 100 N. 3RD ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

TO LET.
 THE UPPER PART OF THE TWO

TO LET—IN THE TIMES' BUILD-
ing Spruce-st., suitable for lawyers or
the Times' Counting-room.

SEVEN SILENTLY SITES OF APART-
ments, in the city of New York, in per-
son \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25 and \$34, with gas
and water on the site, in the brick house,
442 3d st. must be quiet and gentle

FOR A LONG TERM. THE PROP-
erty, street number 75, recently, in
the street of the city of New York,
corner of the city of New York (College, 7 Wall-st.)

TO LET, AT THE EMPIRE
HOTEL, 215 Broadway, New York, 1. horse
stable, for sale.

AMUEL L. EGERT, Superintendent.

RACE BALLS, FAIR, &c.—THE
Horse Ball, Fair, &c.—The
GARRY, on the premises, up stairs.

BASEMENT UNDER THE TIMES
Park-row, 25x10 feet. Inquire in office
67 No. 41 Park-row.

& ROOMS WANTED
A FIRST-CLASS CORNER HOUSE,
Address, stating rent on and nearest cash
X No. 400 Post-office.

REAL NOTICES.

DECLARATION OF AN ORDER OF THE
County of New York, Justice is hereby
made, that the estate of JOHN B. FAY,
deceased of the City of New York, deceased,
and with creditors thereof to the sale
of the real and personal property of the
City of New York, on or before the
first day of March, 1891, in New York
County, N. Y. MONTGOMERY,
ANTHONY W. WINANS, Executors.

DECLARATION OF AN ORDER OF THE
County of New York, Justice is hereby

...the City of New York, do hereby
 with you, the undersigned, the
 THOMAS PLANNING, JR., Mayor
 of New York, do hereby
 XT.—BUREAU OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
 N. H. PLANNING, JR., Mayor
 THOMAS PLANNING, JR., Mayor

TRIBLE WORKS.
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AMUSEMENTS

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FRIDAY, Nov. 21, 1962.
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OF THOSE WONDERFUL

ESQUIMAUX INDIANS,
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Who have just arrived in this country.
FROM THE ARCTIC REGIONS,
Where they were brought by
J. F. HALL, Esq., ARCTIC EXPLOREUR.
Who can fill all sorts of tin, lead, the first and only
INHABITANTS OF "GREENLAND" ICY
ever brought to this country, they are objects of universal
interest, but they can stay only this
saturday and sUNDAY, 10th & 11th OF JUNE.
They are on exhibition from 10 A.M. till 12 M., from
12 to 3 P.M. and 7 to 9 P.M.
A few days more.

COMMODORE TUTT.
\$3,000.00 TUTT.

One of the most extraordinary wonders of the world,
is presenting to our view, and is nearly ready
to sail, he cannot possibly
be seen
REMAIN HERE BUT A FEW DAYS.
He will hug
THE HOTS, DAY AND EVENING

and at intervals on the stage, during each drama entertainment, he will appear in a variety of **ACTS OF PERFORMANCES**, including **rocks, dances, military drill, relay, his historic acts, and other interesting and novel features.**

THE MADAGASCAR ALBINO FAMILY, New and beautiful life-like **FIGURES** of most distinguished UNION GENERALS: **JEFF. DAVIS, WHAT IS IT? and BEAUREGARD** will be seen.

QUEEN VICTORIA and the PRINCE of WALES **OLD ADAMS' CALIFORNIA** **THE REFORMING BEARS,** **THE BRAITFIELD COLORED TROPICAL FISH**, **LIVING MONSTERS**, **THE GREAT FLYING PA-BUCKS**, and a million other Wonders - **BUFFONE'S GIGANT DRAMA.**

RELIEF OF THE SIEGE OF VICHY. **LIFE.** **THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock; EVENING, at 7.** **MR. WM. B. HARRISON, Impromptu Comic Singer** appears in a new and original **ACT.**

Admission to all, 25 cents; children under ten, 15 cents.

FIFTH-AVENUE SKATING POND,
Entrance corner Fifth-avenue and Fifty-seventh Street.

At the request of a number of the leading citizens of the city, the Board of Public Works has set aside the Fourth and Fifth avenues and 54th and 56th streets, as being leased for the purpose of establishing a new playground for the city of St. Louis.

These grounds cover an area of

ELEVEN ACRES.

Contracts have been made for fencing and preparing this property for the purposes to which it is to be devoted, and the following buildings are to be erected:

Large and commodious structures will be erected to accommodate Subscribers, including Refreshment Saloon, and a large building for the use of the city as a wintered number of tickets. Some but not persons of respectability will be admitted to the grounds, as it is intended to conduct the enterprise so as to enable large numbers of the people to enjoy the grounds, and the necessity of a male escort. References will therefore be demanded of all persons applying for tickets who are not members of the Club.

Arrangements have been made to illuminate the Park in the most brilliant manner, and the Board of Public Works will be glad to see the city illuminated in the most brilliant manner.

It is the intention of the Board of Public Works to hold a competition for Shading.

The Board of Public Works will be glad to see the city illuminated in the most brilliant manner.

notice that the Poud will be under the charge of HENRY PATMAN, Vice President of the Washington State Club of Professional Men. As you are here in the first place we can give that the job will always be kept in the same hands as it has been before. He left no doubt to insure the comfort and enjoyment of visitors.

HENRY BROWN, General Superintendent
of the
Season tickets for a gentleman and two ladies \$10.
Extra for each child 75c.
Monday through the last of August.
Tuesdays and Wednesdays on WEDNESDAY, a full day of instruction from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. at the Metropolitan Hotel, St. Nicholas Hotel and Astor House, at the principal office at corner of Walker & No. 474 Broadway.

BANVARD'S
SAY OF GALILEE,
OPEN DAY AND EVENING.
TUESDAY INSTITUTE
Admission 25 cents. No. 659 Broadway.

PARTOR GYMNASIUM FOR LADIES

DANCING.
A. DUDWORTH'S DANCING ACADEMY
 No. 20 Astor street, (opposite Dr. Dorr's)
 No. 137 Montauket-st, Brooklyn.
NEW-YORK CLASSES ON WEDNESDAYS
SATERDAY
BRUHLING CLASSES ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.
 Evening and Afternoon Classes for young ladies and children. Evening Classes for gentlemen.
 Classes not open. Tuition and board at any time.
 Circulars of terms, &c., may be had at either academy.

MUSICAL.
GREAT TRIUMPH.
STEINWAY & SONS, Nos. 52 and 54 Walker-st.

HAZLETON BROTHERS:
OVER-THROWING GRAND AND SQUARE
DEALERS IN THE WORLD.

No 91 Princeton, a few doors west of Broadway, New York. These piano have always received the best prices for the best quality. The piano are made in a well-known piano factory for five years accompanied each piano. The instruments will be sold at prices not less than \$160.

\$160—NEW SEVEN-OCTAVE PIANO—This piano is made in a well-known piano factory for five years accompanied each piano. The instruments will be sold at prices not less than \$160. The piano are made in a well-known piano factory for five years accompanied each piano. The instruments will be sold at prices not less than \$160.

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN-OCTAVE PIANO—This piano is made in a well-known piano factory for five years accompanied each piano. The instruments will be sold at prices not less than \$160. The piano are made in a well-known piano factory for five years accompanied each piano. The instruments will be sold at prices not less than \$160.

UNITED PIANO-FORTE-MAKER'S SHOP—This piano is made in a well-known piano factory for five years accompanied each piano. The instruments will be sold at prices not less than \$160. The piano are made in a well-known piano factory for five years accompanied each piano. The instruments will be sold at prices not less than \$160.

WALKERS' PIANOS—All pianos are sold on the basis of cash. All holders being able to offer first class organs and pianos at reduced prices. Every instrument guaranteed for five years.

PIANOS, MELODIONS, HARMONIUMS—First-class—For sale, to let, or by instalments. The best of all instruments, and the most popular, practical piano instruments with one, two, or three banks of keys. **From \$240 to \$400**. **J. M. WALKER**, 101, 141 and 143 Broadway, N. Y.

THE MAKERS OF THE CELEBRATED WALKER PIANO & FISCHEL—Acknowledged the most durable and best. Pianos—Wholesale and retail—two, three, four, five, and six—on the manufacture and warroom. Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 219 West 42d St.

J. M. WALKER'S HARMONIUM-CLINTON—The best of all instruments—near Broadway, a large stock of horizontal and upright pianos, new and second hand, for sale or hire.

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS

BAKING POWDER,
TEAS, WINES, FLOUR, GROCERIES AND
PROVISIONS.

THOMAS R. AGNEW is now offering his immense stock of goods at wholesale and retail at low prices and in quantities to suit everybody (all sold as for your selves).

Goods sent free in the City.

THOMAS R. AGNEW,
No. 260 Greenwich-st. and No. 84 Murray-st.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

CLARET WINES AND BRANDIES.
From Chateau d'Angoulême, Monod & Guiraud, Bordeaux.
Warranted strictly pure.
For sale by
J. MARC MARTIN, Importer,
No. 202 Pearl-st. New York.

We have a rumor in Washington this forenoon that General Jackson was about Winchester day before yesterday, with 20,000 men—a story in which we

due us, and become the possessor of our resources in addition to her own, would take the very first opportunity to make war on her. How that war would end, we think not in the least doubtful, and it will not appear

which caused his death, he being at the time in the performance of his duty as an officer in said company about the foot of Sixth-street, Washington, D. C.

Fortress Monte, died last night of consumption, aged 25 years.

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AMUSEMENTS

AROSEMEN IS.
BARNUM'S AMERICAN MUSEUM.
SATURDAY, Nov. 27, 1862.
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 Who have just arrived in this country.
FROM THE ARCTIC REGIONS,
 Whence they were brought here.
C. F. HALL, MGR., ARCTIC EXPLORER.
 Who has been in the Arctic for the first time.
INHABITANTS OF "FORELAND ISLAND"
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 They are the objects of native interest, but they can remain only to-day.
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To be held at the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm Sts., SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1890, at 2 P. M.
DARD, Principal of Ward School No. 12, will read a paper on "The Teacher's Work."

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Sun rises.... 6 55 | Sun sets.... 4 38 | Moon sets.... 6 36
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MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....FRIDAY, Nov. 21.

Cleared.

Steamship Champion, Wilson, Aspinwall, D. Ballou,
City of Baltimore, (Br.), Kennedy, Liverpool, John G.
Lisle, New York, (Br.), Wente, Embard & Co.
Shin Merchant, Sprague, San Francisco, R. M. Cooley.
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31st mo. (Ital.) Cavassa, Cork. Holmes & Co.; Mariner, Crosby, Baltimore. — Herline, Nickerson, Constantinople, Bassett & Nickerson; Volunteer, Gorham, Barceloua, Bacon & Russell.

Franklin, (Hamb.) Groschen, St. Thomas. Funch, Meincke
& Wendt, Fortuna, (Port.) Bordu, Lisbon. Havemeyer
& Co; C. F. Eaton, (Br.) Conway, Dublin, D. R. De
Wolf.

Francis Barrett, Nickerson, Port Royal, E. D. Harburt & Co.; M. L. Wedmore, Barrell, New-Haven, —; Adaline, Sprague, Pemhroke, Me., —; Quail, Brewster, Thomaston, —; Eliza Phais, Jones, Philadelphia, —.

Sloops Myrtle, Youngs, New-Haven. —; Warren, Stoker, New-Haven. —.

Arrived.
T. S. Surveying steamer Bibb. Commander Bouteille.
Boston 40 hours.
Steamship William Cary, (Br., of London.) Galveston

Cardiff Oct. 24, via Falmonth, Eng., Oct. 31, with railroad iron to McAndrew & Wann. Nov. 21, 39 miles S. of Sandy Hook, spoke schr. E. Glason, from New-Orleans for New-York.

Steamship Chesapeake, Willets, Portland, Me., with cargo and passengers to H. B. Cromwell.

Steamer Mars, Nichols, Philadelphia, with mdse. to Loper & Kirkpatrick.
Steamer Pelican, Baker, Providence, with mdse. to E. Taylor.
Steamer Parthenon, Dudley, Hartford, with mdse.
Sack Mary Louisa, (Br.) Atkinson, Bristol, Conn.

Brig Martha Post, Robbins, New Orleans 19 da., with
sugar, &c., to master. Experienced very heavy weather
split sails, &c.

Sch. Curlew. Powers. Bucksport 7 ds., with lath for Washington, D. C.

Schr. Caroline Grant, Pressy. Machias 6 ds., with letter to R. W. Adams.

SAILLED—Steamship *Champion*, for Aspinwall; *Spain*, steamer *Princess of Asturias*—has anchored in Quam.

BELOW—Br. brig Napier, (of Yarmouth,) from Turk
Island.

By Telegraph.
BOSTON, Nov. 21.—Arr. steamer Merrimac, from New
bern; barks St. Mary's, New Orleans; Catherine, San

Foreign Ports.
At St. Martin, Nov. 6, brig Freotiss, Hoobs, for St. Thomas, seeking.

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THE GREEN-STREET UNITED PRES-
BYTERIAN CONGREGATION, (Rev. JAMES HARRIS, Pastor.) whose church edifice was lately burned down, having obtained the use of the Lecture-room attached to the Scotch Presbyterian Church in 11th-st.,

REV. SIDNEY A. COREY WILL PREACH
 at the Protestant Episcopal Church, 155th-st., between 1st and 2nd Aves., on the last SUNDAY of November, and notify her notice, at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M. Entrance to the lecture-room on 155th-st.

JAMES M. E. MISSION—NO. 321 WEST 44TH

WILLIAM WARREN ST. METHODIST EPISC.
 10th and 11th Ave. Rev. J. B. B. B. B.
 will preach SUNDAY, the 24th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.
 Also preaching at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday
 school at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M. Seats free.

J. A. BENJAMIN & BROTHERS WILL
SING AND ACCOMPANY VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL

DRAWING DELAWARE STATE LOT

11	05, 29, 40, drew	\$30.00
12	14, 20, 78, drew	10.00
13	11, 30, 77, drew	7.00
14	10, 27, 77, drew	8.16

14, 25, 38, drew	1.00
14, 25, 40, drew	1.00
14, 25, 73, drew	1.00
20, 34, 77, drew	1.00
20, 34, 77, drew	1.00
21, 34, 78, drew	1.00

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nd	4	65	68	drew		1.00
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	2	25	28	drew		1.00
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	27.	29.	71.	drew		1.00
	28.	29.	78.	drew		1.00
	29.	29.	73.	drew		1.00
	30.	29.	73.	drew		1.00
	31.	29.	73.	drew		1.00

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94	108	10	drew	1.00

Year	Age	Sex	Length (mm)	Weight (g)	Stomach contents	Survival (%)
1970	10	M	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100
1971	10	F	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100
1972	10	M	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100
1973	10	F	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100
1974	10	M	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100
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1982	10	M	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100
1983	10	F	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100
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2016	10	M	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100
2017	10	F	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100
2018	10	M	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100
2019	10	F	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100
2020	10	M	100	1.0	Small crustaceans	100

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In addition to the above, there were distributed 3 prizes of \$500 each, 20 prizes of \$100 each, and 22 prizes of \$50 each - donated by the following to the sum of \$4,525.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The news from the Army of the Potomac, this morning, is important and exciting. It indicates that the passage of the Rappahannock at Fredericksburg is to be disputed by the rebels to the last—perhaps that a battle will be fought there which will have a commanding influence on the progress of the war. We yesterday published Gen. SUMNER's demand for the surrender of the city. To-day we have the reply of the Mayor, evidently written at the dictation of the rebel military authorities. It gives assurances, as from the rebel commander, that certain matters complained of shall cease; refuses to deliver the city into the hands of Gen. BURNSIDE, and closes with a complaint as to the shortness of the time given in which to remove non-combatants. Friday night, however, was busily occupied in the work of removing them, and daylight revealed the fact that it had also been busily occupied in another kind of work. A line of earthworks had been constructed to the right and rear of the town, and rebel cannon were already in position. Our artillery was immediately placed in the most favorable positions, and the encampments in range of the enemy's guns were moved further back. There were good reasons for not opening upon the city yesterday, unless the enemy should force it, and up to noon he had not done so, although the rebels had fired a few shots, as though to provoke it.

There is another story in Washington about General Jackson, who is reported in a local paper to be in Leesburg, and rapidly descending the Valley of the Potomac for an attack upon the Capital. The report is declared by our correspondents to be absurd.

It was rumored at Harper's Ferry on Friday, that General JACKSON was still near Winchester, in command of operations, but the correct impression was that he was retiring toward Gordonsville. Gen. GEARY, who is now in command at Harper's Ferry, sends reconnoitering parties out to observe the movements of the enemy. The Potomac on Friday had only risen two inches, but with the recent heavy rains in the mountains, there is no doubt that it will soon be swollen to an extent to prevent crossing at any of the fords; and there is little likelihood that JACKSON will attempt another invasion of Maryland, with the certainty of having his retreat cut off by an impassable river.

A dispatch to the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, dated Fairfax Court-house, Nov. 21, says: "Just before daybreak yesterday morning the rebel cavalry made a sudden dash upon our pickets stationed at Bull Run Bridge and captured three of their number. The remaining pickets retreated to Centerville and gave the information. The Seventeenth Connecticut Regiment was doing picket duty at the time. Both Warrenton and Leesburg are occupied by rebel cavalry."

A member of Gen. GRANT's Staff, who has arrived to Cairo, is authority for a denial of the statement that BRAGG had arrived at Holly Springs with a reinforcement of 13,000 men for the rebel army. According to the *Mobile News*, Holly Springs was evacuated with the consent of all the rebel Generals, it being considered an untenable point. The *News* states that the rebels are preparing to go into winter quarters at Abbeville, which is nineteen miles below Holly Springs, on the Mississippi Central Railroad—they considering it highly improbable that Gen. GRANT will attack them there. That, however, remains to be seen.

We have advices from Fort Royal to the 10th Inst., by the arrival at this port of the steamship Massachusetts. Cool weather has wrought a decided change for the better in the health of Fort Royal, and the fever was fast disappearing. There had been no new military movements.

DANIEL AND JAMES BAKER, two of the most notorious guerrillas and bridge-builders in Missouri, were recently captured in Lyon Co. and are now confined in Kingston, Caldwell Co.

The Louisville *Journal* represents that there is a bad state of affairs in Marion County, Ky. Small squads of cavalry, calling themselves loyal, have been for some weeks committing indiscriminate robberies there. They will go to a house in the middle of the night, demand from the inmates whatever arms are in their possession, and then take all the money, silver spoons, sila dresses, and other valuables they can find, holding cocked firearms all the while in their hands, and threatening instant death for any refusal or hesitation to comply with their requisitions. They have robbed in this way every house supposed to be worth robbing throughout an area of many miles, bringing scandal upon the Union cause and nearly breaking up society.

The St. Paul *Press* states that Major-Gen. POK is about to transfer his headquarters to Madison, Wisconsin, and that Brig-Gen. SIBLEY is thereupon to make his headquarters at St. Paul. It is also rumored that the Department of the North-west is to be extended, to include Illinois and Missouri, in which case headquarters will probably be established at Chicago. It is also said that Minnesota is to be created a Military District, under command of Gen. SIBLEY.

"Occasional," writing from Washington to the Philadelphia *Press*, expresses the opinion that before the meeting of the next Congress a full Republican delegation may be chosen from Florida. Representing the free people of that State, and sustaining the principles and the policy of the present Administration."

Strong efforts have been made by influential Union citizens to have Maj. Gen. WOOL retained

in Macomb County, Michigan, and the President has acceded to their wishes.

GENERAL NEWS.

The inquest in the case of Miss CANNISTON ANDERSON was concluded at a late hour last evening. The jury found a verdict to the effect that she died of abortion, at the hands of Dr. BROWN, and that SIXES was the cause before and after the fact. BROWN was thereupon committed to prison, to await the action of the Grand Jury. SIXES has not yet been arrested.

Coroner DENNEY and a jury are yet investigating the murder of ALABAMA HARRISON, at Fort Richmond, Staten Island, assisted by Justice DENNEY and Dr. W. G. BARRY, who take a devoted interest in unraveling the mystery of the tragedy. Lengthy sittings are held, and numerous witnesses examined, and, as the inquest progresses, the prospect of fixing upon who committed the murder grows better. The inquest began on last Wednesday morning. On Friday, the evidence warranted the arrest and imprisonment of JAMES MOORE, an Irishman, who was the first witness on suspicion; and yesterday morning, JAMES SIXES, one of the jurors, was committed to prison on still stronger grounds. He is a young man, a widower, and a ship-carpenter by trade, who has hitherto borne a passable character. MOORE's antecedents are rather unfavorable. These worthies, it is now suspected, were the authors of the murder, and a married woman, named MARY HARRISON, had to be accomplice after it before the fact. Paltzy robbery alone appears to have been the incentive to the terrible crime.

The United States Court in Westmoreland Co., Penn., has made a decision which is interesting to many. JAMES J. ANDERSON, who became forty-five years of age on the 1st of January, was drafted, and before he was sworn into the service claimed exemption on the ground of age. His plea was held to be valid.

A libel was filed on Saturday in Philadelphia, in the matter of the prize steamer *Cardine*. There is no doubt of the early condemnation and sale of the steamer.

The appraisal of the cargo of the prize steamer *Cardine*, having been completed, Judge CALDWELL stated, on Friday, that he would be ready to deliver an opinion in the matter of the steamer and cargo in a few days. It is stated that in opening the cases to make an appraisal, numerous weapons were found, consisting of a musket, a rifle, a sword, and a dagger, in Charleston, S. C., leaving no doubt as to the destination of the vessel. In the expectation that the *Bermuda* would be condemned, the Navy Department some time since placed in the hands of the Navy Agent the sum of \$120,000, the appraised value of the steamer, to be paid her as soon as the decision of the Court is made.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* gives the following as a partial explanation of the recent sudden rise in the price of petroleum: "The cause is scarcity, but a scarcity arising from suspension of the business of refining. In June the most of the refineries were closed, and the Government tax on kerosene would ruin the business. After three months of suspension, work was resumed by some of the refineries, but bad roads to the oil wells have made the getting out of crude oil a slow process. Meanwhile the stock in market has been greatly reduced by consumption and foreign shipments. Many of the most extensive refiners have orders on hand for all they can make in a month, and the prospect is that high prices will rule for a few weeks to come. The foreign demand is very large, and the hope of the oil is used directly in manufacturing gas. Some of the richest and most productive oil fields in the West are now being worked, and the oil is being obtained from the petroleum."

A full regiment of sharpshooters is to be raised in Michigan.

The funeral of Admiral LAFFETTE took place in Philadelphia yesterday morning, from the Church of the Intercession, Spring Garden Street, below Second. It was attended by officers of the Army and Marine Corps. In the naval order announcing the death of Rear-Admiral LAFFETTE, Commodore STRUBBINS says: "The Navy has lost one of its most distinguished members; one who had served long and faithfully, and who was particularly distinguished by the gallantry of the 15th of September, 1814, when the fleets of the United States and Great Britain, on Lake Champlain."

There is said to be a great scarcity of steamboat hands on the Missouri River. The steamboats now plying there pay fifty dollars per month for such deck hands as they can get, and they are scarce at that.

The "petit government" has come in conflict with the National authorities in Detroit, Michigan. Recently it has become the custom of the ladies to go from that city to Windsor, Canada, to do their shopping, take a room and general purchases under their own names, and return with their purchases to Detroit. The officers of the army, who have been driven to the necessity of having this species of smuggling looked into, and arrangements are being made to prevent it. The ladies are now going to Detroit with their purchases, and the Custom-house hereafter, *adieu*, *adieu*.

We have already mentioned the fact, the destruction by fire of a baggage car on the Great Western Railway, Canada, involving the loss of property valued at \$100,000. The American Express Company lost \$20,000 of its baggage, in money and valuables entrusted to their care for transportation. The Detroit *Free Press* says that the promptness and generosity of the officers of the road, in compensating the passengers for their losses, is deserving the highest commendation. Mr. JAMES P. BROWN, District Superintendent, as soon as the news of the disaster reached him, with characteristic promptness, telegraphed to the conductor to inform the passengers that their losses should be fully made up to them as soon as they should arrive at Windsor. Accordingly, a statement of his, her loss, and received full value in money for all articles burned, with the exception of money and articles of jewelry, which the road will not compensate for, and which they are not, of course, responsible for. The conductor, who had from the old country, had brought his baggage \$8,000 in gold, and it was afterward found among the ruins, partially melted by the intense heat to which it had been subjected. He will probably suffer little loss by the operation. The "conductor" had about \$25,000 in his trunk, and the losses sustained by the passengers.

Official returns from all but three counties in Illinois give Mr. STARK, the Democratic candidate for Treasurer, an aggregate of 1,612,100 votes, and Mr. BULLOCK, the Republican candidate, 117,372—a majority for the former of 1,494,728.

A large quantity of boot clothing and other hospital stores, which disappeared mysteriously in Newark, N. J., a few days since, has been discovered by the police. Five members of New Jersey regiments have been arrested on suspicion of implication in the theft.

FRANCIS MYERER, a native of Saxony, has been arrested in Cincinnati, under the extradition treaty with Prussia, charged with having been concerned in forgery, and uttering promissory notes.

On Nov. 15 several boxes of muskets were seized by the United States Marshal, at the Hudson River freight-house, in the lower part of New York City. The boxes, which had been captured at the time that the arms, although addressed and billed to "Quebec, Canada East," were designed for the Confederacy, but nothing positive in regard to this subject was known. We now learn that a similar seizure was made at Burlington, N. J., last week. The number of muskets taken, however, was much larger than the seizure made here—being over eight thousand. They were of Belgian manufacture, fitted with sword bayonets and percussion locks, not rudely constructed. The first lot was captured at Burlington, N. J., and the second at New York City. The arms were in the "original packages," and bore the name of the vessel they were imported in, and the date of importation: some of these dates were as far back as December, 1861. This merchandise was shipped at New York City, and was addressed and billed to "Quebec, Canada East," the same as the packages seized in this city.

Strong brown paper is now manufactured at the Salisbury Paper Mills, in Orange County, from "cat tails," the product of the wild flag growing in low grounds all over the North. The proprietor, Mr. OAKLEY, is experimenting with a view of making a white paper, also, from the same material.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, SHADOCK REED, convicted of manslaughter in the third degree, in killing JOHN DONNELLY, was sentenced to the State Prison for four years. BARRY was sentenced to the State Prison for two years for grand larceny; JAMES QUINN, two

years, and Henry Brown, two years and six months for the same offense.

Mrs. BOWEN has filed her complaint for divorce from her husband, charging adultery. It is understood that Mr. JAMES denies the charges altogether.

A fair inquiry prevailed for breadstuffs on Saturday. Flour was very firm; Wheat and Corn were somewhat dearer. Beef and Lard were more active. Pork was less sought after. Cotton was dull and unsettled. Moderate transactions were reported in Groceries, chiefly in Sugar and Tea, at uniform rates. Petroleum was firmer and in more request. Freight was less active, with 675 vessels of all classes in port. The changes in other branches of trade were not important.

The Supreme Issue.

The men who are loudest of the phrase—the Union as it was and the Constitution as it is—who have been the quickest to bandy it as a catchword—are the very men who are least inclined to stand by its just significance. They are the people who turn the readiest ear to all suggestions for satisfying the rebels by a Convention to amend this Constitution—the people who are most averse to the spirit and policy which governed the Union in its happiest days. There is not one of them who, if closely questioned on these points, will not betray his leanings. Ask them if they are willing to compromise with the South by giving Slavery new Constitutional guarantees, and you will get no answer but the negative. Put it to them whether they wish to see the Union permanently restored, as it existed for the last year before the war, and very few of them will have the boldness to tell you, yes. You will very quickly discover that the phrase, as they use it, conveys no definite meaning, and is only just so much political cant.

It is utterly impossible for such men to rise to the height of this great struggle. They have no just sense of the vital stake involved in it. They treat it—all phrases on their lips to the contrary notwithstanding—simply as a political struggle in a new form, carrying a new settlement of power upon their party and its old ally, Slavery. Thus they cling so fondly to the idea that the South can be propitiated, and that our main business ought to be to discover how this can be soonest compassed. They have a notion that this propitiation can be effected somehow by constitutional methods, when the two sections shall get a little more tired of fighting; and back of this, there is another notion, a little vaguer still, that if worst comes to worst, and the rebels won't be propitiated, there will be an ulterior resort yet, and a very simple one—namely, to let them go.

Patriots who mean to do their whole duty in this crisis of the nation's fate, know but one purpose; and this they hold superior to all limitations and every alternative. We mean the salvation of this nationality. The rebels have staked their all on their desperate endeavor to divide that nationality, which must destroy its life. We, on the other hand, must, if necessary, stake our all to prevent that division, and thus save its life. This alone is the highest loyalty. The paramount idea is, that this is a war for self-preservation—against the tearing asunder of the body politic. Our faith is unaltering that our Government can carry through this war successfully, and speedily restore the Constitution to its normal operation.

We seek no advantages of section over section, desire no constituent system that shall not operate with absolute equality upon every square inch in the land; we would go as far as the farthest to the support of every just Southern right; but yet there is no form of repression upon the South, no kind of visitation upon Southern life or property, we would not consent to, sooner than that it should carry out its present deadly purpose.

This Republic, once dismembered, perishes forever. All legitimate and stable power is at an end, and never-ending confusion begins. Everything will be at the mercy of the shifting interests and swaying passions of the day, and our future history be but a constant succession of dissolving views, a counterpart of that which has already, for more than a generation, amazed the world in the South American republics. On the penalty of the most ignominious and wretched of all national fates, we must hold fast to our national unity. That last, all is lost. That secure, all is secure. Retaining our national life, time will bring all things right. If this war shall force us to put a yet heavier hand upon the South, it must be done without scruple. The evils would, at worst, be but temporary. The infatuation which now possesses the Southern people is of passion, rather than of reason; and passion is in its very nature transient. No people ever yet held out for any length of time under suffering, against what was intrinsically just and fair; and certainly the National Government neither has, nor will have, any desire, on occasion, or power, to ask the South to submit to aught else. Let it be understood, first of all, that this nation means to live, and that there is nothing under heaven it will not do or sacrifice sooner than to perish. That fact once securely fixed in both Northern and Southern minds, there will be an end of many a mischievous illusion on both sides.

SUNDAY IN THE CAMP AND FORECASTLE.—The President has shown wisdom and sound policy in his recent general order respecting the Sabbath in the Army and Navy. Besides its bearings on the health, morals and discipline of our soldiers and sailors, nothing could have been more comforting and assuring to the millions of households connected by the nearest ties to our brave defenders, and to the friends of morals and religion throughout the country, than this manly, Christian proclamation, as to the rights and duties of Americans in arms. The *National Intelligencer*, of the 19th, reflects the opinion of the Press and the country when it says: "We doubt not that this general order will be hailed with pleasure by every Christian and patriot in the land, and will form an interesting item in the history of this remarkable epoch."

The President has discriminated carefully as to the limits of his prerogative—simply en-

joining the observance of the Sabbath, and suggesting the motives for "reducing Sunday labor in the army and navy to the measure of strict necessity." Its sacred observance is left to conscientious promptings solely, as it should be; but weighty words of Washington are quoted as a protest against "vice and immorality," and as motives "to live and act as becomes Christian soldiers, defending the dearest rights and liberties of their country." We see not that the order is open to cavil on the score of taste or propriety by any but the wantonly profane and wicked, who pervert liberty into license, and who cast off all moral obligations. It is the obvious duty of the Commander-in-Chief to interpose an authoritative shield against the havoc such men would make of law and discipline in the forces he controls.

We congratulate the President, the army and navy, and the country, then, on the timely utterance which contemplates the physical comfort and moral benefit of camp and fleet, and which aims to preserve the nation from the fruit of a demoralized military force, to be dispersed, ere long, over all our broad country. The assemblies in all our temples of worship, on the approaching Thanksgiving, will most naturally revert to this among the latest, and not the least, of the occasions for devout praise to the Supreme Ruler.

Pauperism in England.

Every mail we now receive from England is full of painful details in regard to the sufferings in the cotton manufacturing districts. It is the prominent theme in the English newspapers, and the first thought in the minds of English statesmen and humanitarians. The London Press dispatch special reporters to Lancashire to visit the factory towns, to take note of the idle mills, to describe the sad and hungry multitudes, to paint fully the present distress and expose the magnitude of the coming peril. For the time, this gigantic social disorder has overshadowed the American war, and the English people are more concerned now to save their own paupers from starvation than they were lately to preserve JEFFERSON DAVIS and his Confederate rebels from subjugation. They are learning a lesson of humiliation and propriety—how to cure their own ills and quit intermeddling with others.

We can return the kind interest that English writers were recently taking in American affairs, and the publicity they gave to our social and political shortcomings, by a brief review of the disorder and affliction England is now called on to endure. Happily in America, pauperism is not an institution, as it is in England. Our National Government knows no such element of society—has never by legislation had to recognize the duty of saving human beings from starvation, except in the case of a certain portion of the subjects of the Kingdom of Great Britain, who were starving in Ireland a few years ago. It will be a matter of surprise as well as of interest, therefore, to many of our American readers, to learn the extent of pauperism in Great Britain, and the drain required on National resources to support it.

The Paupers of England are a distinct and nationally recognized class. They are registered as carefully as Ward voters are with us, and as regularly as inmates of our City almshouses, and their increase and decrease are closely watched and chronicled as the rise and fall of their National Debt. Returns on these subjects are published monthly, as regularly as are published Bank statements or Treasury footings. The following table will show the number of outdoor and indoor paupers in the whole country, at the end of last August, who were receiving relief, and the increase as compared with the corresponding period in 1861.

Districts.	1861.	1862.	Increase.
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Pulaski, Saturday, Nov. 23. Private dispatches received in this city convey the sad intelligence of the death of Gen. Frank Patterson. He died in his tent, near Fairfax Court-house, of camp fever. His remains are expected to arrive in this city to-day.

THE BATTLE OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

The battle of the Rappahannock, which was fought on the 23rd inst., was a severe one, and resulted in a victory for the Union Army. The Rebels were driven back, and a large number of their men were killed.

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HIGHLY IMPORTANT FROM EUROPE.

Advices One Week Later by the Arabia Off Cape Race.

A Proposal of Mediation from the French Emperor.

Great Britain Declines to be a Party at the Present Time.

The Co-operation of Russia Considered Essential.

Effect of the News of the Recent Elections.

The Paris Moniteur Thinks the Time for Mediation is Near at Hand.

INTERESTING FROM CHINA AND JAPAN.

CAPE RACE, Monday, Nov. 24.

The steamship Arabia from Liverpool, Saturday the 15th, Queenstown 16th, passed this point at 6 o'clock this A. M., and was boarded by the news yacht of the New-York Associated Press.

The steamship Barina from New-York arrived out on the 14th.

The English Government has dissented from the French proposal for mediation.

The London Gazette publishes Earl Russell's official reply, dated Nov. 13. It recapitulates the circular of Dec. 11, 1861, proposing mediation. It recognizes the humane views and benevolent intentions of the Emperor, and observes that the cooperation of Russia would be extremely desirable, but that up to the present time the Russian Government had not agreed to actively cooperate, although it may support the endeavors of England and France.

The question for consideration was whether the aid proposed was allowable at the present time?

Earl Russell then communicates the decision of Her Majesty as follows:

"After weighing all information received from America, the Government is led to conclude that there is no ground at the present moment for hope that the Federal Government would accept the proposal suggested, and a refusal from Washington at the present time would prevent any speedy renewal of the offer of the Government. Therefore he thinks it better to watch carefully the progress of opinion in America, and if, as there appears reason to hope, it may be found to have undergone, or may undergo, any change, this Government may then call themselves of such change to offer their friendly co-operation with a greater prospect than now exists of its being accepted by the two contending parties."

Her Majesty's Government will communicate to the French Government any intelligence they may receive from Washington or Richmond, bearing on this important subject."

The London Times, editorially, observes of Earl Russell's dispatch, that his arguments have been anticipated by the public, and that this is the best proof of their soundness.

LATEST NEWS VIA LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Saturday Evening.

The steamship Australasian arrived at Queenstown this afternoon.

Earl Russell's dispatch produced no effect commercially.

The Australasian's news of the election was received after business hours.

FRANCE.

The Moniteur says that the answers of England and Russia are an endorsement of the American offer of mediation. The Moniteur also says: "If our information is correct, the intention of England and Russia nearly reaches its limit. The recent election justifies the progress of peace opinion, which appears likely to command majority in next Congress."

INDIA AND CHINA.

Calcutta, Monday, Oct. 20.

Shirtings unchanged. Twist advancing. Tea declining. Exports to date, fifty-two millions pounds. Nothing definite has been ascertained respecting the cause of or extent of the late conspiracy.

Shirtings improving. Tea firm. Silk firm and active. Stock, 12,000 bales. Exports to date, 43,000 bales.

Shanghai quiet. An engagement had taken place near Ningbo between the rebels and the American General Ward's contingent, in which Ward was killed. The rebel had arrived in great force, determined to retake Ningbo.

A dreadful political murder has been committed in Japan. A lady and three gentlemen were attacked by Adams and Reid on the high road. CHARLES LARSON and ———— were the aggressors. The murdered Foreign Power was avenged by the British Minister, whose interference in the affair caused considerable indignation.

Rio Janeiro, Saturday, Oct. 25.

Coffee 6700 to 7200. Shipments, 101,700. Stock, 151,000. Bahia Sugar 23300 to 24400. Cotton 10000 to 101000. Pernambuco Sugar 41500 to 43000. Browns 2320 to 24400.

Commercial News via the Arabia.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

The Broker's Circular reports: The sales of the week reach only 15,000 bales, including 2,500 bales to speculators and 2,000 to exporters. The market has been dull and East India has declined 1/2d. The sales on Friday were 2,000 bales. The market closing dull at unchanged quotations. The following are the quotations:

Ordinary 27 1/2. Orleans 28 1/2. Middling 29 1/2. Fine 30 1/2. Extra 31 1/2. Superfine 32 1/2. The total stock in Port 1,200,000 bales, including 1,000,000 bales of American.

TRADE REPORT.—The market for Goods and Yarns is what might be called the "lull" of the season. The Liverpool Broadstuffs Market.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

[OFFICIAL.] EXECUTIVE ORDER.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.

The President has issued the following order:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Nov. 13, 1862.

Ordered, by the President of the United States, that the Attorney-General be charged with the superintendence and direction of all proceedings to be had under the act of Congress of 17th July, 1862, entitled

"an act to suppress insurrection, punish treason and rebellion, seize and confiscate the property of rebels, and for other purposes," in so far as may concern the seizure, prosecution and condemnation of the estate, property and effects of rebels and traitors, as mentioned and provided for in the fifth, sixth and seventh sections of the said act of Congress.

And the Attorney-General is authorized and required to give to the Attorneys and Marshals of the United States such instructions and directions as he may find needful, and touching all such seizures, prosecutions and condemnations; and moreover, to authorize all such Attorneys and Marshals, whenever there may be reasonable ground to fear any forcible resistance to the act in the discharge of their respective duties in this behalf, to call upon any military officer in command of the forces of the United States to give them such aid, protection and support, as may be necessary to enable them safely and efficiently to discharge their respective duties; and all such commanding officers are required promptly to obey such call and to render the necessary service, as far as may be in their power, consistently with their other duties. (Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President.

EDWARD HATES, Attorney-General.

In accordance with this order, the Attorney-General will shortly issue specific instructions to United States Attorneys and Marshals for carrying into effect the provisions of the act to which reference has been made.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Nov. 21.

IMPORTANT CONSULTATION.

Important interview was held today, in which the President, Secretary of War, Gen. Halleck and Judge Holt were all present.

GEN. McDOWELL'S CASE.

The Court of Inquiry in the case of Gen. McDowell met today and adjourned to 11 o'clock tomorrow, to give time for Gen. McDowell's letter to the President demanding an investigation to be placed on file in the Adjutant-General's office, so as to reach the Court in due process of consideration. If no answer then appears, Gen. McDowell's own testimony will be admitted, and deemed to be conclusive justification of his acts.

ARRIVAL OF GEN. PRENTISS.

Gen. PRENTISS, who is on the Court of Inquiry in the case of First-John Porter, arrived in the city today with his family.

THE MAYOR OF FREDRICKSBURG.

Mayor STANTON, of Fredericksburg, was released about six weeks ago from the Old Capitol Prison.

WINTER QUARTERS.

Two Divisions of the Reserve Corps for the defense of Washington, commanded by Gens. Casey and ALEXANDER, are now actively employed in the construction of forts outside the fortifications, to be used as winter quarters.

THE OVERLAND MAILS.

Postmaster-General BLAIR, in view of the precarious condition of the mail routes across the great plains from the Missouri River to Colorado and New-Mexico, will appoint a special agent to supervise the overland mails, and who will also discharge the duties previously pertaining to the general mail agency for Kansas and Nebraska, which is abolished.

MUSTY OUT.

The Sturges Rifles, Gen. McClellan's Body Guard, were today mustered out of the service at the General's request. They were never in an engagement.

RUSSIAN VICK-CONSULT.

The President has recognized Rear. Semiaty as Vice-Consul of Russia for Port of New-York, and Otto Passenau for the Port of New-Orleans.

NOTICE TO LADIES GOING SOUTH.

In answer to daily inquiries, an informal notice is again given that all applications made by ladies to go to their friends and families in the South, must be made in writing and verified by oath previous to the 15th day of December next, and each applicant must state:

First—Her name, age and residence.

Second—The date when she came within the military lines of the United States, for what purpose, and where she has since resided.

Third—The place she desires to go to, and the purpose of object thereof.

The persons to whom leave may be granted will be sent with a suitable escort, from Washington to the lines of the United States forces in Virginia, with such personal effects as shall be allowed to pass.

No person will be allowed to take more than one trunk or package of female wearing apparel, weighing not over 100 pounds, and subject to inspection, and if any contraband property is found, the party will forfeit the same and be subject to imprisonment during the war.

Applicants are also notified that immediately after the expiration of the time for making application, a list of the names of the persons to whom leave is granted will be published, and the time and place of leaving designated.

Children, if desired, will be allowed to accompany their mothers and relatives, who have parents, and take their usual wearing apparel; but the name and age of each child must be given in the application.

(Signed) J. C. TURNER, Major and Judge Advocate.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Destruction of Tobacco by the Rebels—Gen. Lee to Hold Fredericksburg—The Rebel Steamer Keltie.

FREDRICKSBURG, Sunday, Nov. 23.

Four hundred Union prisoners arrived here from City Point today.

The Richmond papers say that nearly a hundred thousand dollars worth of tobacco was destroyed at Fredericksburg by the Confederates.

The same papers also say that Gen. Lee refused to treat with the Federals, and ordered all the women and children to leave the city, as he intended to hold it with his troops.

News from the 10th inst., received from City Point, says that the sinking of the steamer Keltie, from a rebel gun, when fifty miles from the coast.

The Keltie was one of the steamers built expressly for the trade between the coast and the interior.

THE FRENCH IN MEXICO.

Important Diplomatic Correspondence.

The Expulsion of the French Banker, Jecker, from Mexico.

Strange Protest of the American Minister.

Spirited Reply of the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Intercepted Correspondence of Jecker.

Interesting Developments—The Secret Designs of France in Mexico—Protection—Colonization of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec—Hostility to the United States—The Jecker Bond Interest.

Working Everywhere—They Failed with Lorenzetti, but Hope to Influence Gen. Forey—Jecker's Letters Constantly Read by the Emperor, are Specially Prepared for that Purpose, &c.

The following diplomatic correspondence had its origin in the recent banishment from the City of Mexico and the Republic, by the Mexican Government, of the French subjects JECKER, EUGENE CLARIN, CLEMENTE A. CARABARRA, ANTONIO BONHOMME, GUSTAVE DESARACHE, CARLOS DE BARRAS and ADOLFO FRISCH, detected in active correspondence with the French army marching on the capital.

PROTEST OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

MR. MINISTER: The undersigned, members of the Diplomatic Corps, present in Mexico, have learned with regret of the arrest of the French subjects JECKER, EUGENE CLARIN, CLEMENTE A. CARABARRA, ANTONIO BONHOMME, GUSTAVE DESARACHE, CARLOS DE BARRAS and ADOLFO FRISCH, given the order to depart from the capital within forty-eight hours, and to leave the Republic.

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The undersigned, in consequence, trust that the Government of the Republic will be pleased to communicate to them its final resolution, and which time they reserve such further and necessary communications as the measure may require.

The undersigned have the honor to renew to His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Relations the assurance of their high consideration.

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fore, is to carry into effect the disposition to which the honorable members of the Diplomatic Corps have referred.

The undersigned has pleasure in reiterating to their Excellencies the assurances of his high consideration.

(Signed) JUAN ANTONIO DE LA FUENTE, NOTE FROM THE PRUSSIAN MINISTER, BARON K. DE WAGNER.

Mexico, Oct. 2, 1862.

MR. MINISTER: I have just learned that a dozen of Frenchmen have been arrested in the morning, and that order has been issued to them to leave this capital within forty-eight hours, and to quit the Mexican territory.

The expulsion of these foreigners should not be proceeded with without the judicial proof being first given that they are really dangerous to the Republic. This measure, even if it were justified in point of public right and of existing treaties, will undoubtedly give rise to new reclamations, demands of indemnity, and new burdens upon Mexico which its friends will see with regret.

I hope, therefore, that the Government will proceed with the justice and circumspection which such a step demands, and that in any case it will present legal and irrefragable proofs of the hostile acts of these foreigners, and the real injury their stay in Mexico would cause.

In default of this, in view of the trust confided to me, I shall be obliged, with the most sincere regret to hold the members of the Government personally responsible for all losses and injuries caused to the parties interested.

Accept, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my high consideration.

(Signed) E. DE WAGNER, To His Excellency Sr. Don Juan Antonio de la Fuente, Minister of Foreign Relations, &c., &c., &c.

REPLY OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

To His Excellency Baron K. de Wagner, Minister Resident of Prussia, &c., &c., &c.

National Palace, Mexico, Oct. 6, 1862.

MR. MINISTER: I have received the letter which your Excellency did me the honor to direct to me on the 2d inst., with reference to the French subjects who had been arrested and to leave the capital within forty-eight hours, and to depart from the territory of the Republic, and it is very painful to me to say to you that His Excellency the President has seen with much surprise and displeasure, the expulsi

of a purely Governmental act, having nothing to do with the judicial order, and to which it forms an entire exception, as seen by the passages of the Constitution and the laws which treat of it.

The judicial proof which your Excellency asks for would be valueless, for there are no judicial proofs worthy to be called such, except those which are received and examined in conformity with the rules of judicial proceedings; so that according to the pretensions of your Excellency, it would have been necessary to proceed to the banishment by a formal trial, in place of a purely administrative act, and of judicial courses at once and these proceedings would be so unusual and foreign to practice that it is a waste of time to reiterate them. But if the design of your Excellency has not been to exact in this case a formal judicial proof, but simply the intervention of the judicial order, on record, the data which the Government should present to it, it is very clear that by this means the Judge would be nothing more than the blind agent of the Government, which it appears to me, would not satisfy the desires of your Excellency.

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ARMY OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA.

Constant Increase of the Rebel Force at Fredericksburg.

LEE AND THE TWO HILLS ARRIVED.

Additional Works to the Rear and Left of the City.

Contrary Reports About Jackson.

The Nature of the Job Now Before the Army of the Potomac.

Gen. Burnside Preparing a Surprise for the Rebels.

FALMOUTH, Va., Wednesday, Nov. 26. It is expected the railroad will be finished tomorrow from Aquia Creek to the Rappahannock, opposite Fredericksburg. The bridge over Potomac Creek was reported this morning as nearly completed. The cars carry supplies as far as Brook's Station, six miles from Aquia Creek, which greatly accommodates our troops.

Notwithstanding the late condition of the roads, Quartermaster's supplies have been promptly furnished. Long lines of roads have been cordoned under direction of Col. INALL, Chief Quartermaster of the army, and are in good condition.

The camp-fires of the enemy are constantly increasing within sight of Falmouth, affording indications of augmentation of the rebel forces. Lee has joined Longstreet and A. P. Hill. D. H. Hill and Jackson are known to be on the way thither.

Yesterday the enemy were busily engaged in constructing additional works, in the rear and to the left of Fredericksburg.

The cars bring troops and supplies regularly to the rebel troops, stopping at a point three miles from the town.

REPORTS FROM FAIRFAX COURT-HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Nov. 26—10:45 P. M. The TIMES special correspondent telegraphic from Fairfax Court-house:

"Information received to-day is to the effect that the rebels are still in front of us in considerable force. Gen. Slocum's report of Jackson's headquarters at Upperville, and Stuart's at Salem, also, that there is a company of black horse cavalry at Warrenton, and another company at Waterloo Bridge, and a portion of Wm. R. R. at Aldie.

THE RAID INTO POOLESVILLE.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Nov. 26.

The parties making the raid on Pooleville, Md., yesterday morning, consisted of about fifty Marylanders, principally belonging to Montgomery County, in which that village is located. They crossed the Potomac not long ago to avoid the draft, and took temporary service with the rebels, joining Wm. R. R. guerrillas. They doubtless desired to capture valuable Government military property recently in that vicinity, and of the removal of which they were ignorant. They watched the ford at which they crossed for an hour after our patrols passed up beyond it, and then dashed over and into the village. They spent five or six hours with their families and friends.

OUR SPECIAL ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTERS FROM FALMOUTH.

An illustration of the Danger of Delay—What Might Have Been Done, but What Was Not Done—Great Increase of the Rebel Forces—The Passage of the Rappahannock to be Hotly Disputed—Hills of a Flank Movement, &c.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY POTOMAC, FALMOUTH, Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1862.

The present situation of the Army of the Potomac presents a good illustration of the perpetual advantages which a force operating vigorously on the defensive with offensive returns can gain over a timid and unenterprising aggressor. The simple matter of crossing a petty stream less than a hundred yards wide, and little over knee-deep, from the commonplace operation it was a week ago, has at this date grown to be a perilous enterprise, which we have not yet executed, and which we shall certainly not be able to execute without very considerable loss of life.

It is just a week ago to-day since the Right Grand Division of the Army of the Potomac, under command of Major-Gen. SUMNER, halted the head of its column on the Rappahannock at this place. A squadron of cavalry and four pieces of artillery composed the contemptible force present to bar our passage. Not a regiment of infantry, not a foot of fortification, was there. Everybody knows what the impetuous view of the head of the division wanted to do. What he had to do was to obey orders, and these orders commanded that he should not cross the river. A single battery of 10-pounder Parrotts, placed on a commanding eminence on the side of the river, in an hour silenced the enemy's guns, and made the passage free to us. It was not even allowed to go over and take possession of the disabled rebel caisson. We slept that night on the north bank of the Rappahannock. Tuesday morning we found six guns in position, better placed than before, and commanding the ford.

Wednesday morning there were ten. Thursday saw the defenses increased by a section on our left (the rebel right). Friday, by a section on our right (the rebel left)—thus giving them a direct and a double cross fire upon us. Saturday morning disclosed the result of an unbroken

night's work; the guns were protected by intrenchments in front, and yesterday, on riding out with Gen. Howe, Chief of Artillery, for the purpose of selecting positions for batteries, we found the rebel batteries on right, centre and left admirably covered from our fire by breastworks and emplacements.

Nor have they confined themselves to fortifying. Very large reinforcements have been brought up from Richmond. Day and night the cars have been busy at work transporting troops. Night by night the camp-fires that light up the horizon behind the range of hills back of Fredericksburg have increased and multiplied. What the strength of the rebel force may be we have no means of knowing definitely; but it is variously estimated from twenty-five to a hundred thousand. Longstreet's whole corps (twenty thousand), we know to be there, as the transactions touching the surrender of the town this day, were conducted on the rebel side by officers of his Staff. Two members of a South Carolina regiment belonging to Longstreet's command, who deserted and made their escape over to our side of the river on Friday night, inform me that HILL'S (D. H.) division was arriving at the time they left; and reports at headquarters have it that Lee, Johnston, and, indeed, the main body of the rebel army have come up from Richmond and Gordonsville, and are now waiting our attack directly in front.

All the signs and omens, therefore, promise that the possession of Fredericksburg will be vigorously disputed by the rebel army; and from the present outlook it is not at all impossible that the next forty-eight hours may witness a first-class battle at this place. There are many reasons why they should make a stand here. Other things being equal they are very anxious to fight as far away as possible from Richmond, and they are eager to take advantage of supposed demoralization of the troops and want of confidence in the new Commander, and defeat us in the first encounter under Burnside. But their supreme point in opposing our passage of the Rappahannock is, of course, to delay us as long as possible, occupy the remaining fine weather in second operations, throw us into the had weather; put sixty miles of hideous road and all the fearful odds of a winter campaign between us and Richmond. Let us frankly confess it. In that case, with the incredible difficulty of transportation and the fearful mortality that must result among the troops, it is an enterprise full of peril, and he must be sanguine indeed that would see in it only the chances of success.

The position which the Confederates have selected at Fredericksburg is an admirable one, and puts every advantage on their side. Immediately opposite where we shall have to land on crossing the stream, precisely opposite Falmouth, and a little to the right of Fredericksburg, is a level plain, running back from the river a mile. At this point the land swells up, on a terrace, forming a bare plateau, and back of this again rises a higher range of land, the heights well wooded. The crest and foretop of this ridge are well lined with guns, and as the outline of river and ridge curve round in the segment of a circle, they are able to get admirable enfilading fires from each side. Behind the secondary range where the hills reach their highest elevation and break down from the horizon on the other side, the unknown force of the enemy lies concealed. Supposing, therefore, that under fire of the batteries planted on our side of the river, the work of throwing over the troops is successfully accomplished, there then remains an interval of a mile, utterly sans shelter, and a steep and difficult ascent over it, which the men will have to pass—exposed to a thrice murderous front and cross fire of schrapnel, case and canister. The great authority of Napoleon is on record to the effect that no troops can withstand the fire of sixteen guns over the space of a thousand toises. You see, therefore, the task before us. It is true, the batteries planted on the heights on our side the river may be relied upon to embarrass the gunnery of the rebels; but the distance (from 2,500 to 3,000 yards) is too great for either artillery force to be able to do the other any very serious damage. Besides, precisely at that point where our batteries should be of most service—namely, where the troops come under the hottest fire of the enemy's guns—we shall have to cease firing for fear of destroying our own men. But supposing that by an exercise of that sublime courage which our troops are capable, they storm and reach this plateau: there then remains another and secondary range of fortified heights to take, and behind them the series of columns of rebel infantry. Imagine that we meet with a repulse; that in the meanwhile the rebel batteries have been able to knock to pieces the pontoon bridge: we have then before us the appalling contingency of our broken columns flying to a river which at high tide is up to a man's neck, and, from the extremely rocky and slippery bottom, is excessively difficult of crossing. Does the image of a rout for more terrible than the image of a battle on the mind?

You naturally ask, if such are the difficulties, do not the resources of military strategy afford the means of attaining, by indirect means, an end which, by direct means, is so perilous? It is in this direction we look, and we all hope that Gen. Burnside is taking such measures as will enable us to obtain possession of Fredericksburg with much less slaughter than forcing a passage in front most necessitate. His plan may be to feint in front, and crossing some miles up or down the stream, turn the flank of the rebel position, and compel a retreat and a defeat. We have heard much of a "trap," which the wily foe has laid for us in this vicinity. It seems now to be no other than their supposed ability to draw over a portion of troops and cut them to pieces before they could get back. Burnside will show them a trick worth two of that. The gunboats, we hear, have arrived in the Rappahannock, a few miles below this point, and would admirably cover a landing, say at Morris's or Shinn's Neck, whence an oblique line might be taken direct for a point on the rebel flank and rear. The pontoons also have arrived to-day, and there is every probability that before this reaches you, present speculations and anticipations will be set wholly aside by the tremendous reality of battle.

W. R.

Additional Batteries Erected by the Enemy—Rebel Reinforcements—Our Troops Getting Ready for Action—Arrival of the Pontoon Bridge—Preparations for Crossing the River, &c.

FALMOUTH, Va., Opposite Fredericksburg, Monday, Nov. 26, 1862.

During Saturday night several new batteries were erected by the rebels on the hills to the right of Fredericksburg, and intrenchments thrown up in front of them. Additional camp-fires in the rear and to the left of the place also proved the arrival of heavy infantry reinforcements. It is now very apparent to my mind that the rebels from the first had the intention of holding the place. But that all their movements looking to such an event are a mere ruse for the purpose of gaining time for throwing forward their forces from Gordonsville.

We spent the day yesterday in clearing for action. The various entrenchments were now cut back to the river, and the distance between the rebel and our

my guns. Headquarters were also transferred from their former position on the Stafford turnpike to a delightful grove close by the road leading to Belle Plain. The guns were examined, made ready for the work of the morrow or day following, ammunition trains brought up their valuable cargoes, woods were cleared away, and everything done to facilitate operations.

The train of pontoon bridges which should have been here long since commenced arriving yesterday afternoon. When Gen. Beauregard left Warrenton, it was the distinct understanding with the military authorities at Washington that these essential perquisites to a passage of the Rappahannock, should meet here. Their failure to arrive has occasioned the delay in operations. The roads are rapidly improving in condition, and if we have no more rain, will soon be in good running order again. The Railroad to Aquia Creek has not been opened yet. The *Navy Baker* makes a trip daily from Washington to that point. A mail leaves every morning from this place for Washington.

Conversation between our own and the rebel pickets has been going on since Saturday evening a rebel officer waded the river to a small island about half way across, when he met a member of a Massachusetts regiment. A lengthy conversation ensued, in which Mr. Rebel stated that it was the general impression among their men that the battle of Antietam was a mere skirmish in comparison to the engagement about to come off. Longstreet was a short distance out of Fredericksburg with his command, and was expected on the following day with the entire rebel army of Virginia. There may have been some truth in his remarks, but he was evidently talking for effect. Three engines left the place on Saturday for Richmond. Several shells were thrown by Capt. Parrott's Battery, but failed to stop them.

Last night was the coldest we have thus far experienced, occasioning considerable suffering among the men. To-day is mild and delirious.

Latex—At 4 o'clock this morning a flag of truce was received from Fredericksburg. The enemy still refuse to surrender the place, but promise that no more troops shall be brought to the city. It is understood that our pontoon bridge shall be thrown across to-day. Three companies of the Fifteenth New-York, under Major Massena, have charge of its construction. Our guns will immediately open a return fire on the rebels, if they attempt to prevent the laying of the bridge with their batteries.

The Employment of the Sabbath—The Weather Again Favorable for Army Operations—Movements of the Enemy—The Intrenchments—Probable Surrender of the City, &c.

CAMP OPPOSITE FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Monday, Nov. 26, 1862.

The troops yesterday enjoyed a quiet Sunday in all the camps. The day was spent in conformity with the wishes and orders of the President, such work only as was absolutely necessary being performed. Some of the camps were changed from uncomfortable or unhealthy quarters, and provision trains which were on the road moved from Potomac Creek toward their respective camps. Otherwise the time was occupied quite in accordance with the late orders, and very much to the satisfaction of the soldiers. The weather was hazy, but clear and bracing. From the signal station near Gen. SUMNER's headquarters, where Lieut. HALL watched the movements of the enemy on the opposite side of the river, new earthworks were discovered, new guns in position, and considerable activity apparent in and around the town. Squads of rebel cavalry moved furtively along the skirt of woods which occupy the hills, and working parties were plainly seen busy on the breastworks. Their number, and even the color of their clothes could be distinguished. The chief of these works, which were for the protection of their gunners, were considerably to the north and west of the town. They are crested upon the most commanding hills, and occupy a sort of semi-circle extending from a point nearly opposite the village of Falmouth, to a line drawn from the river through the centre of the town. They are about half a mile, or three-quarters at most, from the river, and could only be reached by a route over the high land to the right. It would be difficult for them to construct a working party engaged in constructing the pontoon bridge in the bed of the river, as it would be too low and wholly out of range. No train has arrived or departed from the town since the notice to quit sent by Gen. BURNSIDE on Thursday. Heavy guns were arriving here all night, and were placed in position, including 32-pounder Parrotts. The pontoon lumber arrived on Saturday, and the boats last evening. Today operations will commence in earnest. The bridge will be thrown across, and preparations completed for crossing the whole army. I am still of the opinion that the negotiations pending between the Commanding General and the rebel authorities, civil and military, will result in the surrender of the town, as its destruction would be a useless sacrifice of property, not to mention the suffering it would cause innocent parties, which nothing but the most urgent military necessity could justify.

The weather is clear, cold and crisp—just what is required for active movements. Plans for crossing the river are far advanced.

E. S.

Movements of Gen. Hooker's Division—Description of the Country Around Warrenton—Starvation Threatening the People—Fredericksburg—Gen. Boreide's Headquarters.

FALMOUTH, Opposite Fredericksburg, Va., Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1862.

The grand division of the army composing the centre, under command of Major-Gen. HOOKER, left its encampment near Warrenton on Monday morning at daylight, simultaneously with headquarters, and took the road toward Warrenton Junction. As the last part of the cavalcade, wagons and troops marched through the town, there was a perceptible increase of citizen spectators, who, to a great extent, had hitherto kept themselves within doors. Ladies came out and promenade, exchanging gratified glances at the Yankee exodus. As the troops had been in motion for the previous three days, no doubt due notice had been sent to the rebels outside the Union lines. By 3 o'clock P. M. the town, which for a week and a day had been overrun with the army, resumed its normal quiet. But mingled with the open rejoicing at our departure, there must have been many secret regrets among the speculative and money-loving part of the population. Up to the time of our arrival we were assured that the town was utterly emptied of most of the necessities of life, and fabulous prices prevailed for everything. Coffee, sugar, tea and salt could not be had at any price. At the hotel the most

heaviest charges. Many little luxuries were obtained through the commissaries, or other officers, in small quantities; and those who furnished accommodations of the most meagre kind, did not scruple to demand \$2.50 and \$3 per day. Everything in the shape of forage for horses, for five or six miles around Warrenton, was necessarily consumed. Wherever the owners took the oath of allegiance they were promptly paid the full value of all that was taken. In most cases, however, the Government was saved the expenditure, as the strong rebel proclivities of the inhabitants led them to reject the proffered aid. As we shall hold the railroad as far as Massena Junction this rebel community will—so it deserves to be left alone in its glory, with no communication with the outside world. Their prospect for the approaching winter is truly pitiable, without crops, forage, food, or a currency, even if permitted to find a market; there must be great suffering, if not actual starvation, during the next nine months, should the war continue. Could the innocent be separated from the guilty, how gladly would the North pour in succor to this suffering population. Those who sent corn by the ship-load to the starving people of Ireland would not permit their own kinsmen to famish at their doors. Many of those who are able to emigrate will leave, to spend this interregnum of famine at the North. There, with "the willing and the obedient," they may "eat the good of the land."

Throughout our march the farms, targe and small, had been deserted, or were lying waste. The occupants and laborers have all emigrated, voluntarily, or by compulsion. The more wealthy have fled to Fredericksburg or Richmond, taking with them all the slaves they had left. The young and middle-aged have been swept into the Southern army by the merciless conscription of the War of the One Hundred and thirty-six. While here and there may be found a decrepit old negro, "minding the farm," and the "great house" deserted, windowless and going to ruin. In every case where the proprietor has remained the property has been respected. The absence of the owner is instinctively construed by the soldiers as indicating the secession character of the fugitive. "The wicked flee when no man pursueth"—and they treat the case accordingly.

We halted for a night near Warrenton Junction, and broke camp at daylight on Tuesday morning. The roads, fortunately, were still in good condition, a light rain rendering the clayey soil only a little sticky. The troops marched rapidly, and, as in all cases when on the move, seemed in excellent spirits. It is only while lying inactive in camp that the soldier becomes moody and despondent.

At the Stafford Court-house Cross Roads, some ten miles from Falmouth, our column came up with the rear of Gen. FRANKLIN'S Corps. Gen. BURNSIDE's headquarters, with the Ninth Army Corps, also halted here for the night. The tents having been pitched and supper disposed of, the soldiers retired to rest under the soothing influence of the hard of the One Hundred and Third New-York, which, disconcerted eloquent music from a hillside opposite to the General's headquarters. A two of your correspondents, with their jaded horses, found a comfortable shelter with the gentlemanly Colonel of the Ninth New-York, KIRKPATRICK'S Zouaves. I have forgotten, as yet, to mention that a company of this well-drilled and efficient regiment has been detailed for special duty in connection with Gen. BURNSIDE's headquarters.

At a very early hour this morning our whole column was again on the march, and your correspondent, thus far occupying the post assigned him with the centre, pushed forward toward Fredericksburg, passing Gen. SUMNER's headquarters some three miles in advance, his grand division being encamped in a grove of pine about six miles from the town. At 10 o'clock to-day, myself and your correspondent with Gen. FRANKLIN, arrived at Falmouth, where we found a small party of cavalry, and a company of Gen. STRAIN'S sharpshooters, under command of Capt. SUTHER. The rebel pickets occupied positions on the opposite bank of the river, near Ficklin's Mill, and during the intervals of fog which rested over the stream, could be plainly seen pacing their respective beats. The river seemed lower than when we were here in August. There was the same woe-begone and deserted appearance of the decayed little village—only more so. Men, or the shadows of them, in dilapidated grey and seedy hats, lounged at the corners, and gazed inquisitively at the new (old) comers. Only one or two stores, with a very brief stock, opened their doors to invite trade. A crowd of hungry soldiers were clanking into a dim, low cellar and emerging with loaves of smoking bread—the only visible sign of the state of life to be seen in the place. After a fruitless search of an hour to find food for our horses, we went down opposite Fredericksburg, in company with Gen. SYRACUSE and Staff. Capt. SUTHER, with his pickets of sharpshooters, followed the bank of the river, the rebel pickets being in sight, and within easy rifle range all the way. Neither side attempted to fire. Gathered about an old stone house, at the upper part of the town, was a party of forty odd rebel cavalry, who left as we passed down. Knots of citizens were visible at the doors and at the corners of the streets, curiously scanning our forces which now began to appear along the higher bank of the Rappahannock. Parties of cavalry could be seen moving from street to street in the town. The sound of the locomotive whistle could be heard, and the rumbling of trains arriving and departing the town on the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad. Carts loaded with household goods moved along the streets as if the citizens were moving away, and the screaming of pigs which were being snatched hurriedly from their pens, and the hasty motions of the few citizens that could be seen, indicated a pretty general flight of the inhabitants. The negro troops and poorer class of houses seemed to be occupied, but no smoke emerged from first-class chimneys, and the town was more deserted aspect than it did four months ago.

The half-dozen slave subalterns were all that remained of the wire suspension bridge, and the trestle-work on which the railroad crossed the river below was a gone except a single span near the opposite shore. Adjutant-Gen. HOOKER, Commissary-General, Dr. RYAN, and other members of the staff, with Gen. SUMNER, soon reached the Lacy House, and took possession, and a few minutes later, Gen. BURNSIDE, with a single aide, reached his old headquarters. He dismounted, held a brief consultation with Gen. SUMNER and Gen. FORTY, who came up at the same instant, and after designating the camping-ground of the respective corps, and of his own headquarters—which he said would be with his men, in tents, and not in the house—the General rode away in the rain to his quarters. The Lacy Mansion will only be occupied for necessary business offices during the brief time the army will remain on the north bank of the river.

Cavalry scouts were seen upon the hills a mile back and to the right of the town, watching the arrival of our immense army. I think it is their intention to dispute our passage of the river at any point, even at the expense of the town, should the attempt be made by our forces to cross here. Others think there is no considerable force in front of us. It should be borne in mind that the Confederate army always makes it a point to keep concealed, to develop its strength, and to take by surprise. Gen. BURNSIDE will not be entrapped, depend upon it. The route by the way of Aquia Creek will be the route to the favorite one for communication with our base, and, as soon as the road is restored, will be daily.

It has been a rainy day, and much discomfort has been suffered by the soldiers for want of shelter. Let those who are complaining of the weather think of the soldiers who are suffering from the want of shelter, and the want of food, and the want of clothing, and the want of everything else that is necessary for the comfort and health of the soldier.

March is the clumsy ground, with only two yards of cotton cloth between him and the bleak winds and rain of November.

FROM THE ELEVENTH ARMY CORPS.

The Movements of Jackson—Various Reports—Condition of Affairs at Richmond, and of the Rebel Army.

CENTREVILLE, Va., Monday, Nov. 24, 1862.

As the whereabouts of the rebel Jackson seems to be the great mystery of the day, of course your readers will expect to learn something of his movements from this section, where, it is generally believed, he has been fitting about for the last two weeks. For once, this notorious rebel has been non-plussed; he had undoubtedly prepared a plan for falling upon this corps—or behind it—while distributed about at Gainesville, New-Baltimore and Thoroughfare Gap. This arrangement was spoiled however by a little strategy—the retrograde movement to this point, at the moment Gen. BURNSIDE marched toward Fredericksburg with the bulk of the Army of the Potomac. The falling back of this corps puzzled the Rebels, for they did not know how to interpret it. Was the advance only a feint? This they were not able to answer until Gen. SUMNER sat down before Fredericksburg. Their plan, long contemplated was, no doubt, to attack Washington.

The moment Gen. BURNSIDE moved toward Richmond—not with any hope of capturing or destroying the Capital, but to create an impression abroad that they were really the besiegers and not the besieged. The retrograde movement of Gen. Slocum doubtless saved us the disagreeable necessity of having to drive back a rebel horde from Washington. Reliable information has been received to-day that this project has been abandoned, and that Jackson, with the bulk of his force, is making the whole northern part of Virginia the theatre of his operations. He is now on the march to the north, and is expected to reach the city of Richmond, and thence to the city of Washington.

The last seen of Jackson's pickets was at Berryville. Warren's guerrillas—300 in number—composed of the vilest ruffians that ever infested any community, were seen to-day at Leesburgh and Mount Gilead. Yesterday a portion of the force was at Martinsburg. Jackson commenced his southward movement on Saturday last. The same night he was at Salem, and on the following day at Warrenton, HAMPTON'S Legion of 2,200 men having marched from the same place on the Culpepper Road the day previous. The rebel soldiers were received with every mark of affection in both the towns named, and were urged forward to save the capital. A man who saw HAMPTON'S forces at Warrenton assures me that they are in a most wretched condition—destitute of clothing and tents sufficient to protect them from the inclemency of the weather, and that they are greatly demoralized. As an evidence of the latter condition he states that when the order was given to leave Warrenton the men actually refused to obey it, unless furnished with food and clothing, and twelve hours elapsed before the force could be got out of the place.

A paroled prisoner, who arrived here to-day direct from Richmond, states that he saw, while there, large gangs of conscripts going out to work in the fortifications, and no less than sixteen heavy siege guns passed through the city for the works. At Culpepper there was a large force of infantry and several batteries, and immense quantities of provisions were being forwarded from the Shenandoah Valley to Richmond. The people of Richmond told my informant that they were ready for the Yankees.

The general tenor of the above statements is confirmed by a deserter from the rebel ranks, who also arrived here to-day. The reported driving in of our pickets at Berryville, a few days since, originated in the fact that an advanced picket of two men, stationed at Gainesville, was compelled to leave that place, and come into Centerville by another than the regular road. They saw 100 of Warren's Cavalry at Gainesville, and escaped from them through the agency of a citizen.

DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND.

Critenden's Corps at Cedar Creek—The Country Infested by Guerrillas—Numbers of Our Men Captured—The Rebels in Possession of Lebanon—Remored Movements of the Rebels—Brick Cannoonading Ahead.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CEAR CREEK, Wilson Co., Tenn., Monday, Nov. 18, 1862.

CRITENDEN'S corps of the army still remains at this point, though indications are that it will be speedily thrown forward to act in concert with the other columns now moving southward. The causes that have operated to keep us idle here for several days, have been, first, the want of supplies, without which an advance was impossible, and which had to be brought here on wagons from Mitchellville, near the Kentucky State line, and, second, Gallatin being a favorite point of attack by the rebels, and the whole country being infested with their guerrillas, a strong guard was necessary to protect this section, and keep our communications open. A train of two hundred and ten wagons, protected by a strong escort of infantry, and laden with provisions and supplies for the corps, reached here on yesterday evening. Gen. THOMAS, with his division, is at Gallatin. This will relieve our forces, a part of which has been on port duty there for several days, and enable our corps to push forward.

One of the most serious difficulties in the way of our advance is the keeping up of communication by the Louisville Railroad, which is assailable at many points to the rebel cavalry and guerrillas. This road will have to be kept open at whatever cost, and a strong force will have to be detailed from more active service for post guards along its most important points. The rebels, in what force it is not accurately ascertained, have again reentered Northeastern Kentucky, and are depressing upon the people in the counties of Bath and Montgomery, and in the vicinity of Mount Sterling. A party of two hundred of them made a dash upon Stanford, in Lincoln County, a few days since, but were repulsed by a body of Home Guards before much mischief was done. There has also been a report prevailing that the rebel Gen. WHEATZ, with a considerable force, was advancing upon Murfreesboro, for the purpose of again destroying railroad communication between Louisville and Bowling Green. This report, however, is positively denied by a gentleman from that section with whom I have just conversed.

The Tenth of the Michigan cavalry who were captured near the Hermitage, and of which mention was made in my letter of that place, are highly encouraged by their command here. They were strongly protected, and could have successfully resisted their assailants and maintained their ground, if they had not been taken completely by surprise while eating their breakfast, and surrendered without any effort of defence. Yesterday

forty more of our men were taken by the rebel cavalry within six or seven miles of our camp. They were on the Gallatin road, a short distance from where it enters the main Nashville and Lebanon turnpike. They are of Col. GAINES'S Twenty-four Kentucky brigade. The captures and paroles of our men are becoming quite frequent, so much so that a suspicion is obtaining that many of them rather like to be paroled. Scarcely a day passes but some of our men come into camp with paroles from Mosby or some of his subordinates. The rebels are still in possession of Lebanon and most of the other important points in that direction. Their infamous conscript law has been enforced with the utmost rigidity and without mercy throughout this region of country. During a ride through several of the adjacent neighborhoods, the most pitiable spectacles were observed among the poorer classes. One family we stopped a short time with, which consisted of a dejected woman and four young children, utterly destitute and unprovided for. Her husband had been dragged to the army by the conscript act; her last horse had been taken, and her cows appropriated to rebel use. Other families we observed whose only protectors had been ruthlessly torn from their homes and hurried to McMinnville, the headquarters for the conscripts. Contrasting with this wretchedness are the lordly aristocrats of the country, who brought about this war, and whose pompous disgusting airs taint the very atmosphere with treason. Several of these nabobs refuse our Treasury Notes, contemptuously pushing aside "the Lincoln shillings," and insisting that they take, and demanding Southern currency. Southern Treasury Notes and shillings are really taken here for proreder, chickens, eggs, and such articles as many of us wish to purchase, but which are not found in the regular list of army rations. The 400 No. 10, signed by that arch traitor, ISAAC G. HARRIS, which I send you, will show to some extent how the people are oppressed by the enforcement of the conscript act.

Reports from Rebeldom, which are entitled to weight, are to the effect that the rebels are falling back from Murfreesboro toward Chattanooga, and that they will mass their forces at that city, or in its vicinity, for the purpose of re-taking Gen. ROSSMAN'S. A gentleman who lives near Murfreesboro, and with whom I conversed to-day, states that the entire old army of BAGO has been ordered to Virginia, and that it is daily being rushed eastward to join Gen. LEE at Richmond.

A new ardor and enthusiasm has been infused into this army by the accession of Gen. ROSSMAN to its leadership. Gen. ROSSMAN has opened operations with vigor and in terrible earnestness. Before long the Louisville and Nashville Road will be opened and the Cumberland River will be opened, and then we will sweep through "Disie" with the might of irresistible avalanche. Already the Brigades of Generals MONROE and PALMER have left Nashville for Murfreesboro. They will be speedily followed by others. Heavy cannonading was heard for some time yesterday, in the direction of Nashville. We have not learned what was the occasion of it.

Nov. 18.

Heavy cannonading was heard during the night apparently near Ruel Hill, eight miles south of this point. This morning the firing is loud and incessant. The Fourteenth Brigade, supported by artillery, was shown forward toward Ruel Hill on the 15th. The probabilities are that they have engaged the enemy, and that some fighting is going on. We shall soon learn the particulars.

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The rebels are still in possession of Lebanon and most of the other important points in that direction. Their infamous conscript law has been enforced with the utmost rigidity and without mercy throughout this region of country. During a ride through several of the adjacent neighborhoods, the most pitiable spectacles were observed among the poorer classes. One family we stopped a short time with, which consisted of a dejected woman and four young children, utterly destitute and unprovided for. Her husband had been dragged to the army by the conscript act; her last horse had been taken, and her cows appropriated to rebel use. Other families we observed whose only protectors had been ruthlessly torn from their homes and hurried to McMinnville, the headquarters for the conscripts. Contrasting with this wretchedness are the lordly aristocrats of the country, who brought about this war, and whose pompous disgusting airs taint the very atmosphere with treason. Several of these nabobs refuse our Treasury Notes, contemptuously pushing aside "the Lincoln shillings," and insisting that they take, and demanding Southern currency. Southern Treasury Notes and shillings are really taken here for proreder, chickens, eggs, and such articles as many of us wish to purchase, but which are not found in the regular list of army rations. The 400 No. 10, signed by that arch traitor, ISAAC G. HARRIS, which I send you, will show to some extent how the people are oppressed by the enforcement of the conscript act.

Reports from Rebeldom, which are entitled to weight, are to the effect that the rebels are falling back from Murfreesboro toward Chattanooga, and that they will mass their forces at that city, or in its vicinity, for the purpose of re-taking Gen. ROSSMAN'S. A gentleman who lives near Murfreesboro, and with whom I conversed to-day, states that the entire old army of BAGO has been ordered to Virginia, and that it is daily being rushed eastward to join Gen. LEE at Richmond.

A new ardor and enthusiasm has been infused into this army by the accession of Gen. ROSSMAN to its leadership. Gen. ROSSMAN has opened operations with vigor and in terrible earnestness. Before long the Louisville and Nashville Road will be opened and the Cumberland River will be opened, and then we will sweep through "Disie" with the might of irresistible avalanche. Already the Brigades of Generals MONROE and PALMER have left Nashville for Murfreesboro. They will be speedily followed by others. Heavy cannonading was heard for some time yesterday, in the direction of Nashville. We have not learned what was the occasion of it.

Nov. 18.

Heavy cannonading was heard during the night apparently near Ruel Hill, eight miles south of this point. This morning the firing is loud and incessant. The Fourteenth Brigade, supported by artillery, was shown forward toward Ruel Hill on the 15th. The probabilities are that they have engaged the enemy, and that some fighting is going on. We shall soon learn the particulars.

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THE REBEL CONSCRIPTION.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 10.

EXECUTIVE HEADQUARTERS, MEMPHIS, Oct. 10, 1862.

1. The Confederate authorities having ordered the enforcement of the Conscription Law in Tennessee, the Judge or Chairman of the County Court of—County, will immediately appoint a reliable and competent person in each civil district in said County, to make an enrollment of all persons in their respective districts who are subject to the provisions of an act of Congress approved April 16, 1862, entitled "An Act to further provide for the public defence, and to enroll officers will proceed immediately to make the enrollment under said act of Congress, in conformity to instructions issued by the War Department, and return the same to the Superintendent of Conscription in Middle Tennessee at McMinnville, which place is hereby established for the enrollment of conscripts and volunteers to fill the Tennessee regiments now in the service.

2. Said enrolling officers will, at the same time, enroll all persons in their respective districts who are over thirty-five and under forty-five years of age, and all persons who are over forty-five and under fifty-five years of age, and forward a separate list of them, together with a duplicate list of those who are over eighteen and under thirty-five, to the Adjutant-General of the State. They will also make a list of all those persons in their respective districts who are belonging to the service, but who are absent from their battalions or regiments, with the names of their commands, and return the same to the Adjutant-General of the State.

3. At any time within thirty days from this date all persons under twenty-one years of age, and who are not already enrolled, will be enrolled, either before or at the time of enrollment.

4. All persons volunteering to fill up the regiments already in the service will report themselves at the above rendezvous, where they will be mustered into service, and furnished transportation to their respective regiments. By order of

ISAAC G. HARRIS, Governor, &c.

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I send it upon a brilliant theory to the Sanitary Commission of the Armies of the United States, hoping that it may relieve the wants and sufferings of our brave soldier, who has as high an appreciation of the benefits of the United States Government as its decor. Let patriots pass it along, and keep it moving in the good cause.

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 1, 1862. A. C. R. S."

—Some of Gov Andrews' admirers gave him a dinner, on the occasion of his recent visit to Washington, to mark the arrival of the Massachusetts troops.

ARRIVAL OF THE AFRICA.

THE AMERICAN QUESTION.

The Circular Letter of the French Government in Favor of Mediation.

RESPONSE OF ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

BOTH DECLINE CO-OPERATION.

HALLAT, Wednesday, Nov. 26.

The steamship *Africa* arrived at this port at 10 o'clock this morning. The following is additional to the news already telegraphed from Cape Town:—

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 15.—Evening.
The London *Morning Herald* bitterly denounces the non-intervention policy of the British Government and says that the language of Lord Rosebery's dispatch "mocks the hopes and insults the misery of half a million starving English laboring men."

The *Herald* then charges the British Cabinet with "objecting to the submission in order to retain the Parliamentary good will of the Bright and Cobden party."

The London *Daily News* thinks that Lord Rosebery's answer is the best that could have been made without entering unnecessarily upon a discussion of the merits of the case, and rejoices at having escaped from entangling diplomatic associations with France.

THE CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PROPOSAL OF MEDIATION FROM FRANCE.

The following is the dispatch of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, addressed to the Ambassadors of France at London and St. Petersburg:—

From the Minister.

PARIS, Oct. 30.

Europe watches with painful interest the struggle which has been raging more than a year upon the American Continent. The hostilities have provoked sacrifices and efforts certainly of a nature to inspire the highest idea of the perseverance and energy of the two populations. But this spectacle, which does so much honor to their courage, is only given at the price of numberless calamities, and a prodigious effusion of blood. To these results of civil war, which, from the very first, assumed vast proportions, there is still to be added the apprehension of service war, which would be the culmination of so many irreparable disasters. The suffering of a nation toward which we have always professed a sincere friendship, would have sufficed to excite the sincere solicitude of the Emperor, even had we ourselves not suffered by the counter blow of these events.

Under the influence of intimate relations which extensive intercourse has multiplied between the various regions of the globe, Europe itself has suffered from the consequences of the crisis which has dried up one of the most fruitful sources of public wealth, and which has become, for the great centres of labor, a cause of most sad trial.

As you are aware, when the conflict commenced, we held it our duty to observe the most strict neutrality in concert with other maritime Powers, and the Washington Cabinet has repeatedly acknowledged the honorable manner with which we adhered to that line of conduct. The sentiments dictated to us have undergone no change but of a benevolent character. That neutrality, instead of imposing upon the Powers the attitude which might resemble indifference, ought rather to make them out of a position which seems to have no issue. From the commencement of the war an armed force was set on foot by the belligerents, which, since then, has almost constantly been kept up. After so much bloodshed they are now, in that respect, nearly in the same position. Nothing authorizing the presumption that more decisive military operations will shortly occur, according to the latest news received in Europe. The two armies, on the contrary, were in a condition that would not allow either party to hope within a brief delay for any decided advantage to turn the balance and accelerate the conclusion of a peace.

All these circumstances, taken together, point to the opportunity of an armistice, to which, moreover, under the present circumstances, no strategic objection can be made. The favorable dispositions toward peace which are beginning to manifest themselves in the North, as well as the South, might, on the other hand, second steps that might be made to recommend the idea of a truce. The Emperor has, therefore, thought that the occasion has presented itself of offering to the belligerents the support of the good offices of the Maritime Powers; and His Majesty has charged me to make the proposition of this Government to Her Britannic Majesty, as well as to the Court of Russia. The three Cabinets would exert their influence at Washington, as well as with the Confederates, to obtain an armistice for six months, during which every act of war, direct or indirect, should provisionally cease on sea, as well as on land, and it might be, if necessary, ultimately prolonged.

The overtures, I need not say, I would not imply, on our part, any judgment on the origin or issue of the struggle, nor any pressure upon the negotiations which might, it is to be hoped, ensue in favor of an armistice. Our task would consist solely in smoothing down obstacles, and in hastening only in a measure determined upon by the two parties. We should not, in fact, believe ourselves called upon to decide, but to prepare the solution of difficulties which, hitherto, have opposed reconciliation between the belligerent parties. Would not, moreover, an agreement between the three Courts respond sufficiently to their intentions? Would it not give to their step the character of evident impartiality? Acting in concert, they would combine the conditions best suited to inspire confidence.

The Government of the Emperor, by the constant tradition of French policy toward the United States—England by the community of race—Russia, by the marks of friendship she has never ceased to show to the Washington Cabinet. Should the event not justify the hope of the three Powers, and should the ardor of the struggle overcome the wisdom of their counsels, this attempt would not be the less honorable for them. They would have fulfilled a duty of humanity, more especially in a war which has engendered passions with numberless direct attempts at devastation more than in any other.

Don which international law design neutral; at the same time that it prescribes to them a strict impartiality, and they could never make a nobler use of their influence than by endeavoring to put an end to a struggle which causes so much suffering and compromises such great interests throughout the whole world.

Finally, even without immediate results, these overtures would not be entirely useless, for they might encourage public opinion to views of conciliation, and thus contribute to hasten the moment when the return of peace might become possible.

I request you, sir, in the name of His Majesty, to submit these considerations to Lord Russell, or to Prince Gortschakoff, begging him to state the views of the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, or the Court of Russia.

(Signed) DROUYN DE L'HUYS.

THE REPLY OF RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, Saturday, Nov. 15, 1890.

The Journal of St. Petersburg contains the reply of Prince Gortschakoff to the note of Drouyn de L'Huys, which is in substance as follows:—
"After recalling the constant efforts of Russia in favor of conciliation, Prince Gortschakoff says that it is requisite above all things to avoid the appearance of any pressure whatever capable of chilling public opinion in America, or of exercising the susceptibility of that nation. We believe that a combined measure of the three great Powers, however conciliatory, if presented in an official or official character, would be the cause of arriving at a result opposed to pacification. If, however, France should persist in her intention of mediation, and England should acquiesce in her course, instructions shall be sent to Baron Strockar, at Washington, to lend to both his colleagues there, (the French and English Ministers,) if not official aid, at least moral support."

(An abstract of the reply of Great Britain has already been published.—Ed. Times.)

EARL RUSSELL'S REPLY.

Foreign Office, Nov. 14.

The following dispatch was addressed by Earl Russell to Earl Cowley, Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris:

FOREIGN OFFICE, Nov. 13.

My Lord: The Count de Flahault came to the Foreign Office, by appointment, on Monday, the 10th inst., and read to me a dispatch from M. Drouyn de L'Huys, relating to the civil war in North America. In this dispatch the Minister for Foreign Affairs states that the Emperor has followed, with painful interest, the struggle which has now been going on for more than a year on the American Continent. He does justice to the energy and perseverance which have been displayed by both sides, but he observes that these proofs of their courage have been given at the expense of innumerable calamities and immense bloodshed. To these accompaniments of the civil conflict is to be added the apprehension of service war, which would be the climax of so many irreparable misfortunes. If these calamities affected America only, these sufferings of a friendly nation would be enough to excite the anxiety and sympathy of the Emperor; but Europe also has suffered in one of the principal branches of her industry, and her citizens have been subjected to most cruel trials. France and the maritime Powers have during the struggle, maintained the strictest neutrality, but the sentiments by which they are animated, far from imposing on them anything like indifference, seems, on the contrary, to require that they should assist the two belligerent parties in an endeavor to escape from a position which appears to have no issue. The forces of the two sides have hitherto fought with balanced success, and the latest accounts do not show any prospect of a speedy termination of the war.

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This proposal, Drouyn de L'Huys proceeds to say, would not imply, on the part of the three Powers, any judgment on the origin of the war, or any pressure on the negotiations for peace, which it is hoped would take place during the armistice. The three Powers would only interfere to smooth the obstacles, and only within the limits which the two interested parties would prescribe. The French Government is of the opinion that, even in the event of a failure of immediate success, these overtures might be useful in leading the minds of men, now heated by passion, to consider the advantages of conciliation and peace.

Such is in substance the proposal of the Government of the Emperor of the French, and I need hardly say that it has attracted the serious attention of Her Majesty's Government. Her Majesty is desirous of acting in concert with France upon the great questions now agitating the world, and upon none more than on the contingencies connected with the great struggle now going on in North America. Neither Her Majesty, the Queen, nor the British nation, will ever forget the noble and emphatic agreement to moderate war with England and France on the manner in which the Emperor of the French vindicated the laws of nations, and assisted the cause of peace in the history of the seizure of the Confederate Commissioners on board the *Trent*. Her Majesty's Government recognizes with pleasure the design of bringing to the progress of war by friendly measures, to the exclusion of views and humane intentions of the belligerents. They are also of the opinion that the steps proposed were to be taken, that the consequence of Russia would be extremely desirable. Her Majesty's Government has, however, not been informed up to the present time, that the Russian Government have occasion, although that Government may support the endeavors of England and France to obtain the end proposed. But is the end proposed attainable at the present moment by the course suggested by the Government of France? Such is the question which has been anxiously and carefully examined by Her Majesty's Government. After weighing all the information which has been received from America, Her Majesty's Government are led to the conclusion that there is no ground at the present moment to hope that the Federal Government would

accept the proposal suggested, and a refusal from Washington at the present time would prevent any speedy renewal of the offer. Her Majesty's Government thinks, therefore, that it would be better to watch carefully the progress of opinion in America, and if, as there appears reason to hope, it may be found to have undergone, or may undergo hereafter, any change, the three Courts might then avail themselves of such change to offer their friendly counsel, with a greater prospect than now exists of its being accepted by the two contending parties.

Her Majesty's Government will communicate to that of France any intelligence they may receive from Washington or Richmond, bearing on this important subject.

Your Excellency may read this dispatch to M. Drouyn de L'Huys, and give him a copy of it.

(Signed) RUSSELL.

Halt! Halt!

A CRY FROM WASHINGTON!

VOLUNTEERS' ATTENTION!

WIVES, MOTHERS AND SISTERS, whose husbands, sons and brothers are serving in the army, cannot put into their knapsacks a more necessary or valuable gift than a few boxes of HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT. They insure health even when the exposure of a soldier's life. Only 25 cents a box.

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Yours truly,

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Schönck's Palmolive Syrup.

See Weed Tonic and Mandrake Pills for sale, wholesale and retail at the depot.

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Departure of European Mails. The Mails for Europe, by the steamships Elms and Trinidad, will close at the New York Post-office on Saturday, at 10 A. M.

Mails Close at the Post-Office. North Atlantic, 10 A. M. and 10 P. M. South Atlantic, 10 A. M. and 10 P. M. Pacific, 10 A. M. and 10 P. M.

PERSONAL. IF MR. TOWNSEND, WHO DESIRES the services of a stenographer, will send his address to L. L. Station D, he can hear of what he desires.

JOHN H. COLLETT, EXCHANGE BANK, 100 Canal St., New York, is a Bank Building.

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FURNITURE. EMBELED CHAMBER FURNITURE. In all colors and styles: walnut, chestnut, plain and ornamental, in suites, wholesale and retail. Also, mattresses, springs, and bedsteads.

MACHINERY, &c. TO THE BENEVOLENT. THE LADIES' CON- vention of the National Freedman's Relief Association have opened a subscription for the purchase of a new building, for the reception of donations to the relief of the colored people.

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INSTRUCTION. EAGLEWOOD MILITARY ACADEMY. (Established 1870). 1000 Broadway, New York.

MRS. LEVERETT'S FRENCH AND ENGLISH BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL. Will reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1924.

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POLITICAL.
NINTH ALDERMANIC DISTRICT, SIX
TEENTH WARD.

The undersigned, members of the Joint A. M. Edwards Convention for the Ninth District, hereby certify that the following are candidates for the office of Representative in the Legislature of the State of Illinois, to be elected at the general election to be held on the 1st day of November, 1902:

LEWIS R. RYFES, our respected fellow-citizen, of a most praiseworthy character, possessing a wide experience and thoroughly familiar with the needs of the people. His integrity is a faithful guarantee of his sincerity of belief, if elected, he will labor for a wise economy and responsibility, and zealous prosecution of the public expenditures.

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This successful fairy spectacle is the joint production
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The scenery is the feature of "Blondette." All the scenes are gorgeous in the extreme and surpass anything that has been seen in the city.

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LAURA KEENE'S.—In the production of spectacular pieces Miss Keene has far transcended all attempts at competition. Whenever she presents to the public a false extravaganza or pletorial burlesque, she does it with a recklessness of pecuniary outlay, a wealth of fancy, and an artistic finish, that have never been approached at a

of dramatic entertainment she may be said to have failed monopolized, and such success as she has achieved in she has certainly deserved. In all things that minister to the delight of the eye—in the arrangement of scenes, the selection of costumes, the grouping of attractive accessories—Miss Keane has a most exquisite and com-

The piece brought out by her last evening is then expensively brilliant and magnificently showy of all experiments of the same kind that she has ever made.

of their being amenable to anything like judgment. audiences grow wild with enthusiasm over beautiful effects of color, tinsel and machinery, without ever troubling themselves to give a thought to the skeleton structure of dialogue on which these gems are miscellaneous strings.

LAURA KEESE'S THEATRE—"BLONDETTE"—This theatre was densely crowded last evening to witness first representation of the most superb spectacle ever produced in any theatre on this continent. This statement may seem extravagant, but it will be so regarded only those who have not seen "Blondette." Miss Keese

produced many tasteful and brilliant spectacular extravaganzas; but in this one she has surpassed herself. Every scene is new, and all are gems. The "Abode of Love," the "Palace of Lace," the "Diamond Court," and the final scene display an inventiveness—a mastery of color—in all its combinations and a sense of beauty in groupings.

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No extra charge for secured seats, the sale of which
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The afternoon Classes of **WEDNESDAYS** and **SATUR-**
DAYS having nearly reached the full number, classed
will commence on **MONDAY, Dec. 1,** to meet on **MON-**
DAYS and **THURSDAYS** at 4 P. M.
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RAILS

THE 34TH ANNUAL BALL OF THE NEW-YORK FIRE DEPARTMENT—For the BENEFIT OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED FIREMEN, will take place on
MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 28, 1893,
at the ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Tickets may be procured of the Managers, or of the following officers:
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MASON & HAMILIN'S NEW HARMONIUMS, with
AUTOMATIC BELLOWS SWELL, embodying the most
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 For drawing-rooms, churches, schools, &c., **MASON &**
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NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, NOV. 29, 1862.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

A large number of steamboats have recently been chartered by the Government in St. Louis, but their precise destination is unknown. It is supposed, however, that they are intended to act in conjunction with the McClernand expedition.

Gen. MCNEIL, who ordered the execution of ten Confederate prisoners at Palmyra, Mo., some time since, and whose surrender is now demanded by Gen. Davis, is responsible for his action to

THE SAME OLD STORY.—By the mails received from Nassau (N. P.) last night, we learn that two rebel steamers from Charleston arrived at that port on the 20th instant—Thursday of last week. There were two other steamers in the port of Charleston when these

ing Richmond at the earliest day possible, and thus far retains, in a remarkable degree, the confidence and good wishes of all parties. Let it so continue until some more effective man—an event which we do not consider at all likely to happen—is found to fill his place. Men are nothing, and parties are nothing, in

The Prelude of Battle.

Recognition of the South.

As to intervention, the correspondent of the *Times* suggests a difficulty which we trust the advocates of this policy in Europe will attempt to answer. Intervention, he says, implies that the intervening parties are prepared to dictate, or advise, some specific policy as a basis of adjustment : and he asks *what* policy in regard to Slavery England is ready to espouse and make herself responsible for. " What scheme are the great Powers

The Election of Comptroller.

Two years ago Mr. Hays was elected in the face of a Democratic majority of some twenty thousand. If our citizens are as ready now, as they were then, to throw aside all mere party considerations, and act solely upon their convictions, their own interest and the public good, he will be elected again. It remains to be seen whether this will be the case or not.

Northwest Mississippi.

noted in nothing but shooting a mile. In returning to the tent, I found my "Anna" keeping faithful guard over the scotch, with not a soldier in the neighborhood. They had made no attempt whatever to escape, though nothing would have been easier. Gallant fellows, certainly! Our situation is dangerous on account of the guerrillas, of which the country back of us is full, but we hope to be reinforced soon. It takes half our regiment to do picket and guard duty. When the river rises our destination, doubtless, will be Vicksburg. ***

Appendix

a performance that gave so many genuine satisfaction, or obtained so merited and unequivocal a success. "Der Wilschütz" will be repeated to-night (Saturday.)

AFFAIRS IN THE SOUTHWEST.

NEWS FROM THE BAHAMAS.

may ultimately embolden his country and England to
a war.
We wish to draw the attention of the English people to the condition in which the people of this country and any Bermuda are placed. The ports of both colonies are virtually blockaded. Innocent vessels are prevented from entering the harbours, and there is no sufficient protection of English vessels between Nassau and Bermuda; nor is one English man-of-war sufficient to protect our Out-Islands and the port of St. John's. Recent experience has shown that our vessels have been taken close to the Abaco cays. And now, to crown all, the blockading squadron has been placed under the command of an officer notorious for his despotic and lawless behaviour, and for his general hostility to England.

Mason Jones in Brooklyn

The proceedings will be private. Gen. BRELL will not be in attendance.

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We are indebted to Capt. Cannon and Purser HEDDALL, of steamer *Delaware*, for papers.

Personal.

—Harris G. Rodgers, Esq., of Hackensack, N. Y., has been appointed additional assessor to the city.

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AMUSEMENTS.
BARNEUM'S AMERICAN MUSEUM.
SATURDAY, Nov. 26, 1882.
THANKSGIVING DAY.
 Attractions continued.

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 The following brilliant novelties and curiosities will
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 exhibited and performed by the renowned **HERPETOLOGICAL**
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BALLS.

THE 34TH ANNUAL BALL OF THE NEW YORK FIRE DEPARTMENT—FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ORPHANS OF DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS, will take place on MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 26, 1963, at the CATHARTS, 110 E. 11th St.

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AFFAIRS IN THE REBEL STATES.

The Recent Evacuation of Holly Springs.

What is Thought of the Radical Party in Richmond.

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THE EVACUATION OF HOLLY SPRINGS.

Correspondence of the Mobile News.

ABBEVILLE, Miss., Nov. 10.

Holly Springs was quietly evacuated night before last. The position was not a tenable one, and it was never the intention of our General to keep the forces there for any length of time. Although the cavalry was mostly kept beyond Holly Springs, the main portion of the army was encamped eight miles south of that place, in the vicinity of Oxford. The army stores have been kept at Oxford, and will now be sent forward to the front. For some days before the evacuation, the Abolitionists had been making demonstrations in considerable force upon our lines, after having occupied Lagrange, and it was generally thought the position would have been evacuated sooner than it was. Saturday the enemy again manifested a desire to advance, and succeeded in driving in a portion of our cavalry on outpost beyond Coldwater.

Gen. Pemberton assembled Van Doss, Lovell and Paine in council, and the evacuation was determined upon, and marching orders issued at 8 P. M., and about 10 o'clock the evacuation was completed, and the succeeding day reached the desired position, which is an excellent one in every respect, being well entrenched, and affording a fine view of the river. Should our army not advance, they will go into Winter quarters where they are now encamped. Headquarters will be established at Oxford, which is midway between Oxford and Holly Springs.

Up to last night our cavalry occupied Holly Springs, and the enemy had not advanced upon the place, though our forces were only about twenty-four hours. I consider it highly improbable that they will attempt to give us battle, knowing our strength, and being a just fear of attacking us in a fortified position.

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LETTER FROM GOV. PICKENS.

Gov. PICKENS of South Carolina, has issued a proclamation in reference to the military defense of the State, from which we take the following extract: "In relation to the police and internal safety of the State, I direct that the militia be called out to be placed to guard and protect the helpless and innocent from any of the dreadful consequences which our wretched enemies seek to bring upon us by the use of force."

Let the district guards and police, referred to in the resolutions above, be immediately and thoroughly organized. Let the militia be called out to be placed to guard and protect the helpless and innocent from any of the dreadful consequences which our wretched enemies seek to bring upon us by the use of force."

ARMY MATTERS.

From the *Merced* and *Rebel* Banner, Nov. 10.

The Army of the Mississippi has been divided into two army corps—the first, or right, under Lieut.-Gen. Polk, and the second, or left, under Lieut.-Gen. Hays. The first corps is now at Vicksburg, and the second is at Holly Springs.

The District of the Gulf, under command of Brig.-Gen. Canby, has been extended to the thirty-third parallel. Lieut.-Gen. Kirby Smith has resumed command of the Department of East Tennessee.

A RICHMOND VIEW OF THE "RADICAL PARTY."

From the *Richmond Examiner*, Nov. 21.

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GEORGIA STATE DEFENSES.

A SHARP NOTIFICATION FROM GOV. BROWN.

From the *Columbus* (Ga.) Spy.

The refusal of planters to comply with the recent appeal of the Governor for bonds to work on the fortifications, shows the real motive at the bottom of a former refusal, when they pleaded a regard for principle.

We publish below, not another appeal, but a notification from the Governor, which all would do well to heed, and save themselves some trouble, if nothing more.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Milledgeville, Ga., Saturday, Nov. 1, 1862.

To the Planters of Georgia: Since my late appeal to some of you, I am informed that a few hands have been tendered. When called upon to work on the fortifications, you were told that you were not to be disturbed in your private affairs.

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Subject **Released from Arrest.**
Ambus (O.) *Statesman*, tells the following the worst phase upon it as a matter

ALACE SMITH, a resident of Okelona, Miss., placed at Bowling Green, Kentucky, on August last, and sent to Camp Chase, he remained until the 22d inst., when, used by order of the Secretary of War, to go back against him. Mr. Smith states that he is a native of Great Britain and has never been in this country. At the time of his arrest he was traveling northward on horseback, taking his friends in Ulster, New York, and then to England. At the time of his arrest, he said that he was taken as a spy; but no reason was given which that suspicion was not a horse, a valuable horse, and a man on his arrest, and also his carpet-bag, winter clothing. The horse has not been returned, nor any compensation for the weeks after his arrest, the carpet-bag minus the most valuable portion of its contents.

He was released from prison on taking an oath that he would not aid or encourage against the United States Government. He describes him as an English subject, who, he is sure, is a native of Great Britain for compensation for the loss of his horse he could do nothing but him, save to pass on the rail of Cleveland.

His case seems a bad one, especially in that that his nation and the wrong the Government has suffered as a man of his arrest and imprisonment, against any allegation could or can be sus-

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Gen. BURNSIDE paid a visit to Washington on Friday night, and during yesterday forenoon was closeted with the President and Gen. HALLECK—returning to his headquarters in the afternoon. His visit was followed by an extra Cabinet consultation. The country will no doubt soon enough know the significance of these consultations.

The rebels, our dispatches from headquarters inform us, continue to throw up earthworks around Fredericksburg, but no new batteries were visible yesterday. A large body of rebel cavalry, said to be HAMPTON'S Legion, crossed the Rappahannock on Friday, and eluding our pickets, surprised two companies of Pennsylvania cavalry, near Hartwood, and captured nearly the whole of them, after a brief skirmish. Another dispatch says the two companies belonged to the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, who were out on a reconnaissance at the time. Stonewall JACKSON was supposed to be yesterday at Culpeper, designing to move directly thence to Fredericksburg, to reinforce LEE. The roads in the vicinity of Falmouth are again improving, and there is now no difficulty about the transportation of supplies.

The steamships *Cumbria* and *Parkersburg* arrived at this port last evening, from New-Orleans on the 20th inst. Not much of importance had transpired in the Department of the Gulf since the date of our last previous advice, if we except the great Union demonstration on the night of the 15th. New-Orleans on that occasion, to use the phrase of our correspondent, was in a blaze of Union glory. The St. Charles Theatre was crammed by listeners to the Union speeches. Gen. BUTLER was present, and was received by the people with every demonstration of respect and enthusiasm. Speeches were made by several prominent citizens, and by Col. DEMING, at present Mayor of the city. After the meeting in the theatre, a torchlight procession paraded the streets, and among the noteworthy incidents of its march was "cheers for ABRAHAM LINCOLN." JACOB BARKEE, having explained away the treasonable import of the article for the publication of which his *National Advocate* was suspended, had been permitted by Gen. BUTLER to issue it again. Plenty of candidates were offering for the vacant Congressional seats for which elections are to be held. There is no military news by this arrival.

The Memphis Bulletin of Nov. 23 says: "We have advice from Holly Springs up to Friday morning. At that time neither army occupied the place. The Confederates had fallen back to a point three miles south of the town, and the Federal army occupied Hudsonville, about seven miles this side of Holly Springs. Occasionally the Federal or Confederate pickets would go into the town, but neither side made an effort, or seemed disposed, to occupy the place. The town of Holly Springs is represented as almost completely deserted. Some weeks ago, before the Confederates evacuated, the leading citizens of the place availed themselves of the opportunity to leave for Dixie. Our informant states, as a matter of fact, that there are but fifteen male residents of the town to be found there now. All the rest have left for some point further south."

The Nashville Union, of Monday last, has these items: "A gentleman, who left McMinnville on Nov. 21, says that Gov. HARRIS was there, looking exceedingly downcast and careworn. It is the general impression of the rebel citizens that their army will fall back, and many of them are collecting their negroes and other property, and preparing to fly from the approaching Union army. It is reported, also, that some four hundred of MORGAN'S horse thieves left their rendezvous at Beard's Mills, some seven miles from Lebanon, on the Murfreesboro Road, last Friday morning, and started to attack a small party of Gen. THOMAS'S soldiers, who were on this side of the river, at Wood's Ferry. Our soldiers got word of their approach, and crossed the river, leaving their tents on this side, and prepared to welcome the gang with cannon. When the guerrillas dashed up, a few rounds of shell were thrown among them, which scattered them in all directions, killing ten of the party. MORGAN left his camp with his whole force that night, and started in the direction of Cumberland River, with the intention, it is thought, of injuring the railroad."

In Arkansas the Confederates not only burned all old cotton, but are now burning the new. All north of White River is to be destroyed, and a force is now there attending to it. One man who had 250 bales was allowed to keep 50.

The Grenada Appeal of the 21st urges the Mississippi authorities to compel the negroes to go to work immediately on the fortifications, as they are doing in Georgia. In that State one-tenth of the negro population, between the ages of fifteen and fifty, have been called out, and one million dollars appropriated.

It was reported at Memphis on Nov. 24, that Gen. HURLBERT was to command the National column soon to start from that point to cooperate with Gen. GRANT.

Gen. BLUNT, who was pressing his way toward Fort Smith, Arkansas, has been ordered back by Gen. TORREY.

There are now eleven thousand Massachusetts troops at Newbern, N. C., and regiments are constantly arriving.

From rebel sources we learn that a National force, probably from one of the blockading vessels, landed near Houston, Texas, early in November,

and destroyed PARROT'S machine shop and all the fixtures.

GENERAL NEWS.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning, an affray occurred in the streets of New-York, in the First Ward, during which THOMAS BYRNES was fatally shot in the abdomen with a pistol in the hands of DENNIS P. SULLIVAN. The latter was immediately arrested and confined in the Tombs. BYRNES was taken to the New-York Hospital, and later the afternoon Canon COLLINS made an ante-mortem examination of the victim, who died shortly afterwards.

Messrs. DODGE, ROOSEVELT and BRONSON, Commissioners of Allotment, estimate that the volunteers from this State alone have absorbed \$5,341,500 per annum of their pay. Those who have done no allotment of their pay have doubtless remitted half as much more—making an aggregate of at least \$8,000,000.

A Fort Delaware correspondent furnishes the Pittsburgh Dispatch with the following little bit of history: A day or two since, I obtained some particulars in relation to FLOYD'S attempted shipment of heavy artillery from Pittsburgh, which, in the absence of individual names, might, nevertheless, be of some interest. These pieces, ostensibly ordered for Ship Island, near New Orleans, were really intended for Fort Morgan, at the entrance of Mobile Bay. The platforms were constructed at Watervliet; but, as the engineer foresaw treason in the Secretary of War, they were purposely made three inches too short, with other defects which rendered them useless for Fort Morgan, but quite suitable for a new work at the opening of New-York harbor. Other platforms were then ordered. The glass, or outside work prepared for their reception at Fort Morgan was pushed to completion. FLOYD had all things ready for the great guns at Pittsburgh, and later the afternoon Canon COLLINS made an ante-mortem examination of the victim, who died shortly afterwards.

A dispatch from Baltimore to the Philadelphia Inquirer, dated Nov. 28, says: "T. PARKER SCOTT, WILLIAM G. HARRISON, WILLIAM GATHELL, THOMAS W. HALL, FRANK K. HOWARD, WARREN W. HARRIS, and JOHN H. HULL, seven of the Fort Warren prisoners, arrived here this afternoon. About three hundred of their friends greeted them at the cars, but no parade or show was made. Col. KANE, Mayor BROWN and S. ZEILEK WALLS arrive to-morrow. About one hundred rebel prisoners arrived to-night from Sharpsburg en route for Richmond."

Bishop ALEX. of the Methodist Church in Indiana, has issued a circular calling upon all denominations of Christians to respond to the late call of Gov. MORTON for aid to the families of Indian volunteers.

American people look with a fall in Canada, and is now speckled upon with eight cents' worth of silver, and the dollar is at a discount. This will have the effect of returning any of it to this side of the line, for the reason that it must be purchased with Canadian money, which is at a premium of 25 or 30 per cent.

The fire works of Washington & Sons, in Worcester, Mass., were destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning last. The total loss will probably reach the sum of \$60,000 or \$70,000, a new engine having recently been put in at an expense of \$15,000. The total amount of insurance is \$45,000, and is distributed among the following offices: Ethna, Hartford, \$10,000; Phoenix, do., \$4,500; North American, do., \$4,500; New-England, do., \$4,500; Washington, Providence, \$7,000; American, do., \$6,500; Atlantic, do., \$6,000; Merchants, do., \$5,500. The mill was running full capacity day and night, and the proprietors had sufficient orders to last until April. A large number of hands employed in the Norway Works, South Boston, which were destroyed on Tuesday, Nov. 11, had obtained new situations in this manufacturing city. It is a little singular that both these establishments, now burned, were formerly owned by Mr. HENRY S. WASHINGTON.

The official canvass in Kansas has just been concluded. CARNEY, the Republican candidate for Governor, has 9,365 votes—a majority of 4,007 over his antagonist, WHEELER. The straight Republican candidate for Congress, received 9,339 votes, beating PARROT by 4,995.

A naval officer who has just returned to Washington from a captivity in Richmond, states that the New-York papers were regularly received there. They were rarely more than three or four days old, and the regularity of the mail was such that both the rebel and Union papers were sold for ten cents in rebel shipyards.

Gov. KIRKPATRICK, of Iowa, has at last taken the initiative steps toward a draft. He has issued an order to the Draft Commissioners of each County subject to the draft, requiring them to assign to each township its quota, and if not made up by the 1st of January, a draft will be resorted to.

The Red River *Wrecker* of Oct. 9 states that gold has been found on the banks of the Saskatchewan, near Fort Edmonstone, in quantities sufficient to pay each rocker at least \$5 per day.

Arrangements have been made for the sale to the Government of the Colorado Mint, formerly owned by Messrs. CLARK, GRUBER & Co. The change will prove very acceptable to the people of the Territory.

The telegraph has already stated that the majority of F. P. BLAIR over SAM KNOX in the recent election in St. Louis, was 153. The following are the figures: F. P. BLAIR, 4,743; S. KNOX, 4,590; L. V. BOGGS, 2,536.

At a trial term of the Superior Court, before Justice BOSWORTH, LOUISA OSTERMAN has recovered a verdict of \$1,300 against DANIEL MURRAY, a Police-officer, for an alleged assault and battery.

Business on Saturday was rather spiritless.

Flour and Wheat were a shade cheaper, and in cotton advanced.

Inquiry: Cotton was a trifle dearer, and somewhat brisker.

The transactions in Provisions and Groceries were moderate, as also in Hops, Metals, Oils, Seeds, Spices, Tallow and Whalebone.

The movements in Hay, Fish, Hides, Leather and other articles were quiet, and prices advanced.

The freight market was inactive and depressed.

CONFISCATION AND THE CONSTITUTION.—The Submissionists manifest a disposition to cavil at the summary proceedings of Gen. BUTLER in dealing with the rebels of the Lafourche District of Louisiana. They hold up their hands in horror at the proposed confiscation of the property of a rebel district, and aver that such proceedings must hasten that foreign intervention which they deem inevitable. But no one can peruse the order of Gen. BUTLER in the premises without a conviction of the masterly skill, as well as humane justice with which the rights of loyal citizens of the district in question are protected. The most scrupulous care is taken to guard the constitutional rights of all. In this respect BUTLER'S order bears a striking resemblance to the President's Emancipation Proclamation. Both documents are directed in the most plain and unmistakable terms at the property of rebels, and of rebels alone. Those who would oppose the spirit of either, must of necessity place themselves in the attitude of defending the property of rebels. Such a position is quite untenable, since if we have the right to take the life of a rebel, there can be little doubt of our right to confiscate his property.

But, after all, we suspect that the late order of the President devolving upon the Attorney-General the execution of the Confiscation Act will cause the annulment of the proceedings of Gen. BUTLER in this matter. The Confiscation Act will now be carried out by the civil authorities of the land, and thus the embarrassments which have resulted will in future be avoided, and a uniform and just rule will be applied to all parts of the country. Gen. BUTLER, we are sure, and all our other Generals in the rebel States, will be very glad to be thus relieved from an onerous duty, and

one which does not properly appertain to their sphere of action.

The Winter Session of Congress.

The attention of the country will now for some time to come be divided between the action of the army and the action of Congress. The military power, assembled on the banks of the Rappahannock, and the political power, which to-morrow will assemble in Washington, form the two great bodies to which are intrusted the life, the perpetuity, the honor and the glory of the nation. They are mutually dependent upon, and must mutually sustain each other. Both are the creation of the people, and both have been called into being, that they may execute the people's will.

No body of legislators ever assembled in any nation, had larger, grander, or farther-reaching questions to debate and decide than have the two Houses of Congress about to assemble in Washington. It is the same high debate which had its origin, or rather reached its critical point, two years ago, when yet all the States of the Union were represented in both Senate and House. It is the debate of the Union, of the existence of the Republic, of the continuance of free institutions and popular liberty. It is not now, as it was for a long time, a question of mere speculation, of cold theory, or of flustering rhetoric. It is practical as death—enduring as time—great as human destiny. The men who come to such discussions, and have in their hands the settlement of such issues, should be not merely giants of intellect, but models of all the godlike virtues. They should come to their work, not with heated passions, or narrow fanatical views, or selfish aims, but imbued with faith and charity, endowed with sagacity and breadth of vision, and baptized in the waters of patriotism.

Both Houses will, of course, give a hearty support to all the necessary and judicious measures for the more effectual suppression of the rebellion, which have been initiated since last they met. The greatest of these is the Emancipation Proclamation, which, by the will of the President, will take effect in thirty days. Its action is foretold, already, in many parts of the South. Our army, as it has traversed different counties in Eastern Virginia, has left few slaves in its rear. On the Atlantic coast, all within our lines are virtually free. Gen. BUTLER, by his action in New-Orleans and in the Lafourche country, must have practically liberated at least thirty thousand slaves. In Western Tennessee and in Northern Mississippi the policy adopted by Gen. GRANT has quite broken up the system of Slavery. In the great State of Missouri, which, at the beginning of the war, had 120,000 slaves, it is computed that there is now only about forty thousand of them left. In Kentucky, in all of Tennessee, in Maryland, in Delaware, in Western Virginia, the system is shaken to its foundations, and can never, in any event, be again the thing that it formerly was. It only remains that the same processes, or different processes tending to the same end, be allowed their legitimate operation all over the revolted South, and the bloody and colossal system of American Slavery will be extirpated forever from our fair land. It is not in the power of man to prevent this result. Disunion will not prevent it; reunion, after any fashion, will not retard it; foreign intervention will but hasten it; the subjugation of the North—were such a thing conceivable—would but hinder it for a day. It only remains for Congress to ratify the decree of destiny, and for both South and North to submit to it. Legislation, however, can create such measures as will render the change that is inevitable in the social condition of the South at once beneficent and peaceful. It can make such wise provision as circumstances and experience may dictate to provide for the well-being of both whites and blacks. In respect of such matters, Congress at its coming session, will be compelled ere it adjourns, to initiate practical action in regard to the war.

Though this is the greatest of questions which will come under the purview of Congress, there are many other topics of hardly less moment, on which it must act. To one and all of them, we trust they will bring the spirit of wisdom and justice, and we hope that their action on each may be such as will tend to the growth of liberty, the stability of the Union, and the glory and honor of this great people.

How Government is Carried on.

"Occasional" writes from Washington to the Philadelphia Press:

"I called to see the Secretary of War a few days ago, at a fixed hour. He was receiving and listening to a host of citizens who were presenting their respective petitions. One, evidently a man of position and wealth at home, had come to ask for a furlough for his gallant son; another had an extraordinary invention to offer; another desired a pass to visit his dying son, near Fort Monroe; another, a newspaper man, of course, was anxious to receive the latest information; another, a politician of note, was solicited to speak on public questions. This scene ran through nearly two long hours. No matter how ready such business may be despatched, and no matter what the good-nature of the Secretary, what sort of temper do you suppose any man would carry into a sudden Cabinet Council after such a trial as this, and how prepared would he be to sit down to discuss the great questions, and to attend to the greater issues involved in this war? What kind of appetite do you think he would have for his dinner? What sort of disposition for sleep?"

Possibly the time may come when men placed by the people in high positions, will venture to claim time to perform their duties, instead of deeming themselves bound to listen to everybody who chooses to talk to them.

President LINCOLN, when he first came into office, remarked to a friend that he thought he could adjust all differences with the South if he could only get time to attend to it, but that his attention was so completely engrossed by applications for office, and by persons who wanted to see him, that he was compelled to postpone all other matters. One of his Cabinet Ministers complained that he could not get an hour during the day for the duties of his department; he was overwhelmed constantly, from

morning till night, by persons who insisted upon seeing him. We suspect that every high official has substantially the same experience. How is it possible for the President, or for any of his Cabinet, to know anything of the state of public affairs, when they are thus deprived of all time to learn it? Men in office are not omniscient, at least not in this country, as a general rule. They know nothing but what they learn, and the thousand intricate questions that are constantly arising from their action, demand their close and careful attention as they come up. It is impossible for them to bestow it, if they allow their time and thought to be engrossed by every private person whom business or curiosity takes to the Capital?

It is notorious that some of the most important incidents of this war, demanding immediate attention and prompt action at the hands of the Government, have been utterly ignored by the highest authorities, who have known nothing about them until too late to take the action required. The cause is evident. Instead of devoting themselves to a careful, continuous, and methodical study of the war in all its movements and necessities, our President and Heads of Departments devote themselves to such personal interviews as the correspondent of the Press describes in the paragraph we have quoted. Until they can learn that the country at large has higher claims upon them than the individuals who may demand their attention, we shall have this abuse continued and increased.

No other country in the world is governed on such principles. LOUIS NAPOLEON does not allow his time and thoughts to be engrossed by every man who has a favor to ask, advice to give, or "views" to submit to him. There are proper departments for the examination of all matters which require attention, and except in some special emergency they are all required to take their proper direction. It is only by such a systematic distribution of labor that the enormous amount of detail connected with Government can receive attention; and until our Government adopts such a system, and adheres to it, public affairs will drift along at haphazard, instead of receiving the intelligent guidance which should be given them.

A Ridiculous Revolution.

About thirty years ago, the classic land of Greece fell into trouble all about its Government, and, after a brief and very exciting struggle, the stronger Powers of Europe undertook, with characteristic parental solicitude, to provide the Greeks with a monarchy. They gave them Orno, a young Prince of Bavaria, for King. At first the settlement seemed satisfactory. Orno was a young man, of whom nothing was as yet known, and against whom, therefore, nothing ill could be said. It was easy to predict of him all that was valiant, able and true; and the Greeks, for whom he was imported, were ready to hope all things and believe all things, as they had so lately in their revolution been enduring all things.

But the scheme of adopting a ready-made King did not, after all, work out so well. King-orio is not unlike other human occupations. Qualifications for it do not, any more than reading and writing, come by nature. Orno was not selected because of any developed capacity for great trusts in public affairs, but merely because he was a son of a royal house, and ought to be a statesman if he was not. But "divine right" no more makes a wise ruler than "apostolic succession" makes an infallible Bishop. King Orno, when crowned, took to eating and drinking, dressing and driving. He enjoyed his palace and his parades, his servants and his salary. Indeed, Orno was a poor exchange even for the Turk, whose power was thrown off to give place to him. He was much like a Turk in his habits of indolence and luxury—and he grew imbecile and fat as any well-fed official beyond the Bosphorus might. He cared nothing for Greece or its people, except to get his title and expending money. To get the crown he professed the Greek religion, and to please the people who were his subjects he adopted their costume! No other personal sacrifices are recorded of him. He built no roads or canals—did nothing, or finance, commerce or agriculture—gave no encouragement to manufactures, literature, or fine arts. He did not even, though blessed with a wife of proper ambition, provide an heir to his crown.

It is not astonishing that, after thirty years' endurance of rule from such a nonentity, the Greeks grew weary of it, and began to desire something better. They have tried to get it. The foreign papers have lately been filled with the accounts of another "Greek revolution." But the present is a tame and contemptible affair, compared with that fiery struggle which BYRON'S genius glorified and made immortal. The Greek Senate, in the most ordinary, practical and humdrum manner possible, simply told Mr. Orno and his wife that the Greeks were tired of them, and desired them to leave. They did so. And Greece was again "free."

But alas, for such freedom. There is nothing left of Greece viable enough for a strong sentiment, a great hope, a national enthusiasm. One King being gone, the only question was, "Where shall we get another?" Various candidates were spoken of. Prince ALFRED, second son of VIctoria, was spoken of, but it was thought he was too honest to discard his national religion, and espouse that of Greece, and the crown was not offered to him. The Bonaparte dynasty was considered by some as fit to give a ruler to Greece; but that would not have pleased the old royal houses of Europe, and the thought was dismissed. VICTOR EMANUEL had good prospects of being appealed to in behalf of orphaned Greece; but LOUIS NAPOLEON'S jealousy was feared. At last, the right man seemed to have been found. LEOPOLD, King of Belgium, had an heir that he could spare to fill a vacant throne, and nobody—no Kingdom, no State, it was urged—was jealous of Belgium. The very insignificance of Belgium was about to be the means of aggrandizing its royal house—just as with us the insignifi-

cance of POLK and PIERCE was the means of making them Presidents.

The Greek National Assembly have had a lively time consulting and intriguing for a new King, and the world is at last relieved by the announcement that they have agreed to offer the crown to Arch-Duke MAXIMILIAN, brother of the Emperor of Austria! Divine right has evidently carried the day, and the most effete royal family of Europe is to be honored with a kingship for no other reason than that it boasts of having in its veins the blood of the Cæsars. This conclusion is befitting the stupid, flat and uninspiring events of Orno's dethronement and retirement from Greece. It is a burlesque on revolutions to call such an affair a revolution. The crown of Greece, it is evident, is not worth a hundred African cowries, and in six months the world will not know that the bauble has changed hands.

A SERIOUS PROPOSAL.—It is certainly a most extraordinary thing that President LINCOLN should allow our Government to stand unrepresented, at this all-important moment, at the Court of the Czar. We believe that Mr. CAMERON has not resigned his position as Minister, but has merely come back to this country to look after his private interests, and in case he should fail to be elected to the United States Senate by the Legislature of Pennsylvania—which is not very likely—he will return again, in his official capacity, to St. Petersburg. But, really, it is impossible to conceive that the Government allows such considerations as this to enter into its calculations of duty. If Mr. CAMERON does not resign, he should at once be displaced; and if there be, anywhere, a man distinguished above all others for ability, honorable character, diplomatic skill, and pure loyalty, he should be sent to represent this nation before the Czar.

The Czar and his Government we have always spoken of as the friend of our Government and people; but nevertheless, delicate questions are continually arising which need to be explained and treated as they arise, and influences adverse to us are being continually brought to bear upon the Russian Government, which require to be counteracted before they produce their bad effects. The recently published diplomatic correspondence between M. DROVNI DE L'ILLYS and Prince GORTSCHAKOFF, indicates the pressure that has been brought to bear upon Russia, to obtain her consent to be a party to mediation, and the reply of GORTSCHAKOFF that the Russian Minister at Washington should be required to lend, if not official aid, at least moral support, to the French and English representatives, when those Powers determine to mediate, shows that there are serious misapprehensions existing in the Russian official mind as to the true condition of affairs and the state of feeling in this country. Had we had our Minister at his post when the French circular was submitted to the Russian Government, we might have had a very different reply to that circular from Prince GORTSCHAKOFF. It is not fit that our Minister should be absent from his post one week, one day, and particularly now when it is likely that the French Emperor will renew and increase his efforts to induce the Czar to act jointly with him. From now till the close of the year is a most critical period, yet it is doubtful whether we will have a representative at St. Petersburg before some time next year.

The nation cannot wait to suit Mr. CAMERON'S convenience, or to assist his political aspirations, and the Government cannot afford to be thus trifled with by its servants. The momentous and prejudicial consequences of such official neglect may be felt when it is too late to avert them.

A Word to Conservatives.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Nov. 24, 1862.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I shall write this letter in too much haste to do even myself justice. Oppressed as I am with the belief that there are elements of discord to be appeased in the North, and that, perhaps, there is not enough of self-sacrifice among the leaders of the opposition to meet the approaching crisis in the noble spirit of unselfishness which soon will be demanded, (Conservative though I am, still) from my inmost convictions of duty I say this.) I wish with a timid hopefulness, only, that, in brief words, I pen what I have to say to-day.

I think that there exists no reasonable doubt but that the Administration will persevere in the policy which the leaders of the Opposition consider to have been recently triumphantly condemned. I am very sure, however, that they will not do in any distant spirit; but solely for the reason that in their best judgment the full war power must be vigorously invoked to the end of triumphantly closing this war.

I am informed that the President cannot see either policy or duty in abandoning a gravely and deliberately assumed position with reference to the rebellion; that, therefore, he will stand by his Emancipation Proclamation; and also that the Secretary of War will not forego the exercise of the despotic power of military law.

Under these circumstances, can it be possible that the loyal people of New-York will consent to make an issue with the Government in the face of the enemy, in full view of the imminence of a terrible despotism which leaps, bloodthirsty like, at the throat of liberty?

For my own part, as one conservative who from the very beginning has differed with the Administration on these points, I cannot consent to desert the powers that be in this crisis. I cannot consent to be an instrument (however humble) of popular division in an hour so solemn, merely for the reason that I differ from the Executive in my views of the policy which should control this war. This, as one American citizen, I can never consent to do.

Nothing but destruction, in the most horrid form, of the National life, could possibly crouch at the heels of Northern revolution. The mere idea of such a calamity withers the heart and stagnates the blood. And yet it must be to invoke this indescribably awful calamity, or to embrace the alternative of a prompt and vigorous support of the organized standard-bearers of the National emblem, which presents itself as the question of the age to every citizen.

Did I believe the President a despot, I might oppose his determined will even to the end of bloody force—this course in that event would become a duty. But feeling assured that, however

much we may differ as to policy, that Mr. LINCOLN has in purpose only the sublime object of restoring this Union, I cannot place myself obstinately in his path as an obstruction, in view of the united, decisive, and despotic advance of the legions arrayed for the destruction of my country. The time will soon come when the magnanimity of the Opposition must be fully tested. Will they plunge readily into the horrors of revolution; or will they wait a final appeal, when the war shall be over, to the ballot?—that

"Weapon answer!"

And better than the bayonet!"

With hope not unmixed with dread, I close this short, hurried note.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Nov. 23.

GEN. BURNSIDE'S VISIT.

Gen. BURNSIDE'S brief visit to the Capital is invested with additional importance, from the occurrence of a special meeting, to-day, of the Cabinet.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

It is said, to-day, to be a question of great doubt whether the President's Message can be submitted to Congress before Tuesday.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE.

It is now understood that the current newspaper paragraphs, in regard to the revenue likely to be realized from the internal revenue system, have greatly exaggerated the amount, and that the lowest of these estimates is still largely in excess of reasonable probabilities.

DIRECTORY OF HOSPITALS.

The attention of clergymen, editors, and others is respectfully requested to the following notice, which is of interest to all who have friends in the army, and which it is therefore desirable should be widely published:

The Sanitary Commission have established an office of information in regard to patients in the hospitals of the District of Columbia, and of Frederick City, Md. By a reference to books, which are corrected daily, an answer can, under ordinary circumstances, be given by return mail to the following questions:

1. Is ——— (giving name and regiment) at present in the hospitals of the District or of Frederick City?

2. If so, what is his proper address?

3. What is the name of the Surgeon or Chaplain of the hospital?

4. If in the hospital at present, has he recently been discharged?

5. If so, did he die in hospital, and at what date?

6. If recently discharged from hospital, was he discharged honorably?

7. If not, what were his orders on leaving?

The Commission is prepared also to furnish more specific information, if desired, to any patient in the District hospitals, within twenty-four hours after a request to do so, from an officer of any of its corresponding societies.

The office of the Directory will be open daily from 9 o'clock A. M. to 6 o'clock P. M., and accessible in urgent cases at any hour of the night.

The names of patients in these hospitals is about 25,000. If found to be practicable, the duty here undertaken locally by the Commission will be extended to include all the general hospitals of the Army.

FRED. LAW OLMSTED, General Secretary.

ADAMS HOUSE, No. 254 F STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19, 1862.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Nov. 23.

THE DEMANDS ON THE TREASURY.

The demands upon the Treasury outstanding are less than fourteen millions of dollars. These, it is thought, will be absorbed in revenue payments by the 1st of February.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

Members of Congress have already become numerous. The larger number, however, will arrive to-morrow and on Monday morning.

THE CAPITOL POST-OFFICE.

The Branch Post-office at the Capitol will resume its business on the meeting of Congress, on the 1st of December. Every distributing office is required to make up a separate bag for all letters and papers addressed to members of Congress, exclusive of all other matter, and such bags are to be labeled "Congress, Washington, D. C.," and route agents at Washington will deliver these bags direct to the Congress messenger.

First Assistant Postmaster-General RANALL, in the order just issued, says: "All Postmasters who make up packages of mail matter for members of Congress, and mail them direct to Washington, should write distinctly on each package the word, 'Congress,' embracing therein only matter for Senators and Representatives. This will enable any distributing office through which they may pass to place them without delay in a Congress bag."

THE TAX STAMP FOR TELEGRAMS.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has given notice that the tax stamps for telegrams are ready for delivery, and the senders of messages will be required, on and after Monday, Dec. 1, to place a stamp on each telegram, and cancel it with the date and the initials of the writer.

The telegraph companies throughout the country will require compliance with the law, on and after Monday next.

PAYMASTERS.

The Paymaster-General is authorized to change the stations of Paymasters within the limits of the pay districts which have been or may be arranged by him, whenever he may deem it necessary for the interests of the service.

NAVAL MATTERS.

Commander Wm. Smith has been ordered to report at New-York, to take passage on the steamer *Circassian*, for the purpose of taking command of the Navy-yard at Pensacola.

Assistant-Surgeon FOSWICK is detached from the steamer *Rhode Island*,

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

HOMICIDE IN THE FIRST WARD.

A Noted Office-Holder Shot in an Affray.

Great Excitement Among the Politicians—Ante-Mortem Examination of the Victim—Statement of the Prisoner.

About 2 o'clock, yesterday morning, a serious affray occurred near the corner of Greenwich and Cedar streets, among some noted First Ward politicians, during which a man named Thomas Byrnes, better known among his associates as "Big Tom Byrnes," was shot in the abdomen, with a pistol, in the hands of Dennis P. Sullivan. The latter was arrested, and the victim immediately conveyed to the New-York Hospital, by officer Flinck, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct Police. Dr. Kennedy, the House Surgeon of the Hospital, aided by Dr. Wetzel, made a thorough examination of the wound, with the view of extracting the ball, but owing to the peculiar location of the injury, and the direction which the ball had taken, it was found impracticable. It was the decided opinion of the medical gentlemen that he could not survive many days, and probably not many hours. He was accordingly informed of his critical condition, and admonished that if he had any arrangements to make, preparatory to death, or anything which he wished to say, it would be proper for him to make his desires known in that regard. At his request, therefore, his counsel, Mr. John E. Devlin, was sent for, who attended him, drew his will and had it duly executed yesterday afternoon. His spiritual adviser was also with him several hours in the latter part of the day.

Toward evening, Coroner Collins, with his Deputy, went to the hospital for the purpose of taking his deposition. Byrnes, by this time, was so low, and so much exhausted, through loss of blood, that it was deemed best to exclude him from the room except the physician and the coroner. By the advice of his physicians, the coroner very judiciously made the examination as brief as possible. His voice was very feeble, and at times he was so scarcely audible at the distance of two feet from his bed.

THE EXAMINATION. The late Byrnes, after having sworn, Coroner Collins examined him as follows: Q. Now, Mr. Byrnes, do you feel that you are in a dying condition? A. Yes, I feel that I am dying. Q. Do you know who shot you? A. Yes, I do. Q. Can you tell me the name of the person who shot you? A. Yes, I can. Q. What was the name of the person who shot you? A. Dennis P. Sullivan.

Q. Now, Mr. Byrnes, all you state briefly, and as accurately as may be, the circumstances under which you were shot? A. I was shot in the abdomen.

Q. Now, Mr. Byrnes, at about 2 o'clock this morning, in Greenwich street, between Cedar and Liberty streets, you were engaged in a conversation with a man named Thomas Byrnes, better known among his associates as "Big Tom Byrnes," is it not so? A. Yes, that is correct.

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PRESENTATION CEREMONIES.

Address of Mrs. Commodore Levy to the Soldiers of the American Legion at Presentation of a Flag at her Residence.

Quite a novel and interesting scene took place on Thursday at 3 P. M., at the house of Mrs. Commodore Levy, Capt. Commodore's Battery of Light Artillery, now in camp on Governor's Island, was drawn up in the large hall to receive a flag.

presented by that lady. Many distinguished officers of the Army and Navy were present, together with some sprinkling of our City and State, and with some drawing thither by the novel sight of a delicate little widow having the pluck to stand up before so many hardy men, and teach them the duties of courage and patriotism.

The band had been discoursing some of their sweetest music for about thirty minutes, when the lady stopped. Stepping halfway in the descent, she turned gracefully to front the artillery men drawn up below, and with one hand leaning lightly on the beautiful banner by her side, in a clear, sweet and plaintive voice, spoke to them as follows:

SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: I have come to adorn your ranks with the ensign of our country. Flags are the inspirations of armies, because they were over our heads the sentiments that are beating in our hearts, and with the fluttering of a simple ribbon, announce the solid presence of an Empire. What the Bible is to religion, what a rose is to love, such a flag to a battle, inspiring principles as well as emotions with hope, victory and salvation.

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FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

New Earthworks Thrown up by the Rebels Near Fredericksburgh.

Some of Our Batteries Similarly Protected.

Five of Our Gunboats Advanced up the Rappahannock.

A Position Taken Opposite the Rebel Right Wing.

A Few Shots Thrown Across the River by One of Our Batteries.

The Significance of the Recent Visit of the President.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Sunday, Nov. 30—7 1/2 P. M.

Some camps of the enemy, visible yesterday, disappeared last night. They probably have retired to the valley behind the range of hills in the rear of Fredericksburgh.

New rebel earthworks almost daily make their appearance, and the range in the rear of the town is crowned almost continuously with redoubts and rifle pits.

Some of our batteries, whose guns bear directly upon the town, have recently been protected by earthworks.

Five gunboats are reported to have advanced up the Rappahannock opposite King George Court house. The right wing of the enemy extends nearly to that point, but at some distance from the river.

A few shots were thrown over the river, yesterday, by one of our left wing batteries, probably to try the range of the guns.

Gen. Beauregard has returned to camp from his temporary visit to Washington.

All is quiet, to-night, along our lines.

LATEST REPORTS FROM FALMOUTH.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 30.

We learn, by a special dispatch from the TIMES' correspondent at Falmouth, that three hundred infantry, belonging to the Twelfth and Seventeenth New-York Regiments, were reported surprised and captured, last evening, a few miles above that point on the Rappahannock.

About dusk, last evening, the enemy commenced throwing up a new line of earthworks below Fredericksburgh, from five to eight hundred workmen being visible from our signal station.

It is considered certain that Gen. Lee is in command.

THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO GEN. BURN-SIDE.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Nov. 29.

The object of the President's visit to Gen. Burnside continues to be the theme of speculation. I think that, without departing from the line of strict propriety, I can say that had reference to the delay which has attended the advance across the Rappahannock. When Gen. Burnside assumed command of the Army of the Potomac, he at once wrote to the Government proposing a change of base, and a rapid advance, and specifying certain supplies which would be indispensable to the movement. He based his movement on the assurance of receiving them. His plan was approved, and the supplies promised. He executed his part of the programme with a rapidity and vigor of which the country has already been informed. But when he reached the designated point, he found none of the promised supplies—neither pontoons, forage nor provisions. The Government had failed, and his movements were of necessity arrested.

I surmise that the President went down to see about it—to ascertain precisely where the responsibility for this failure rested,—to assure Gen. Burnside of his steady and hearty support—to renew promises of all the supplies and reinforcements he might need, and to tell him that, whatever might be the pressure upon him, he wished him to fight no indecisive battle there. The visit was intended and calculated to aid Gen. Burnside's advance.

We learn here that the rebels continue to strengthen their position in the outskirts of Fredericksburgh,—that they are throwing up earthworks nearer the town, and that four or five separate forts have already been completed and made ready for their guns, which had not, however, been mounted on Friday morning. The rebels are evidently preparing for an obstinate resistance. We shall see whether a combination of ploy and strategy cannot circumvent and overcome them.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT FROM RICHMOND.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 30.

Our advices from Richmond are of the most important character. The removal of Gen. McClellan, and the rapid movement of Gen. Burnside, have caused the greatest excitement, and an entire change in the programme for the winter. The expectation of a winter campaign was suddenly exchanged for the certainty of active operations, and Gen. Johnston was recalled to Richmond, while on his way to North Carolina, and ordered at once to hold the line of the Rappahannock, while Gen. Davis has been instructed Gen. Lee to ways to retard the advance of the Federal forces, supposed to be half a mile from the rebel capital.

The rebel army on the Rappahannock consists of about 25,000 men besides about 25,000 in the woods about Richmond.

Four case trains of beef, pork and flour have been

accumulated in Richmond, but the army still suffers from lack of clothing, notwithstanding the continual violation of the coast and interior blockade.

OUR SPECIAL ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTERS FROM HEADQUARTERS.

An Improvement in the Weather—Reviews—Perfuming Arrangements for the Great Struggle—The Work Before Gen. Burnside—The Rebel Forces, &c.

CAMP NEAR FREDERICKSBURG, Thursday, Nov. 27, 1862.

Contrary to general expectation, the weather, yesterday, proved better than the signs of the night and morning indicated. There was no rain after 5 o'clock, and though the sky remained overcast, nothing checked the usual routine of the camp. There was a review of artillery and infantry of the Ninth Army corps by Gen. Swanwick, and Gen. Hooker also reviewed a portion of his troops, including Gen. Warren's Division. There were several other reviews by Brigade Commanders, and the day, on the whole, was one of the most stirring the army has experienced since its arrival in this region. The troops appeared to very great advantage, considering the bad weather of the previous night, and went through their movements in excellent style in view of the softened ground on which the evolutions took place.

Artillery drills have been very frequent of late, in all the batteries, and when called upon, they will, no doubt, give a good account of themselves.

Thus every hour is being improved in perfecting the troops preparatory to the coming struggle. Col. J. H. W. was returned after a brief leave of absence, yesterday, and it is expected that he will be assigned to the command of his old brigade, Gen. Birney being now in command of the division. He is strongly recommended for the position, and he is deservedly popular with the soldiers.

Yesterday morning revealed a large camp of the enemy, which had located during the previous night, northwest of the town, in plain view of the signal station. Their tents, wagons and camp fires, with thick clusters of troops moving about, could be distinguished almost by the naked eye. This, no doubt, was the cause of the rumor that Gen. Jackson had arrived with his army of 50,000 strong.

Deserters from that side of the river state—as is customary with them—that the enemy are in strong force, and that they have many and heavy guns in position. These deserters have come to be regarded with suspicion, and one was put under arrest. Even some more distinguished personages who have lately arrived here are not wholly above suspicion, though they profess to be subjects of a foreign Government. I doubt if they will obtain Staff appointments. The rebel army have paid particular attention to the defence of the Fredericksburgh road, which is the chief one leading out of the city to the north and west. A long line of earthworks, freshly thrown up during the night, rose to view in the morning on the line of this road.

To say nothing of these accumulating works of defence, the formation of the hills back of the town renders the position one of the strongest that could be imagined. The first line of hills, which rise like an amphitheatre from the river plain occupied by the town, is traversed by indentations or ravines running at various angles, the sides of which are covered by preparations for batteries and several of them have guns in position, capable of pouring a raking cross fire upon any advancing column. Behind the first range, with an intervening valley of irregular width, known as the Matapozz Valley, is a still more formidable range of hills, which in turn will no doubt be strongly fortified. There are also their favorite woods for shelter. To cross this river, and carry the position, is the most stupendous undertaking which has been presented to any military commander during the war.

Nothing has passed between the town and our own lines for several days. The status quo, at least on our part, being observed. The enemy have no large military force in the town, but do not hesitate to come and go with small squads of cavalry. The pickets, near the place, of course, have quarters in the houses of the town, and at our distance it is difficult to decide whether the north guard fails the authorities or whether in keeping their own promises not to allow stores or supplies to pass out of the town.

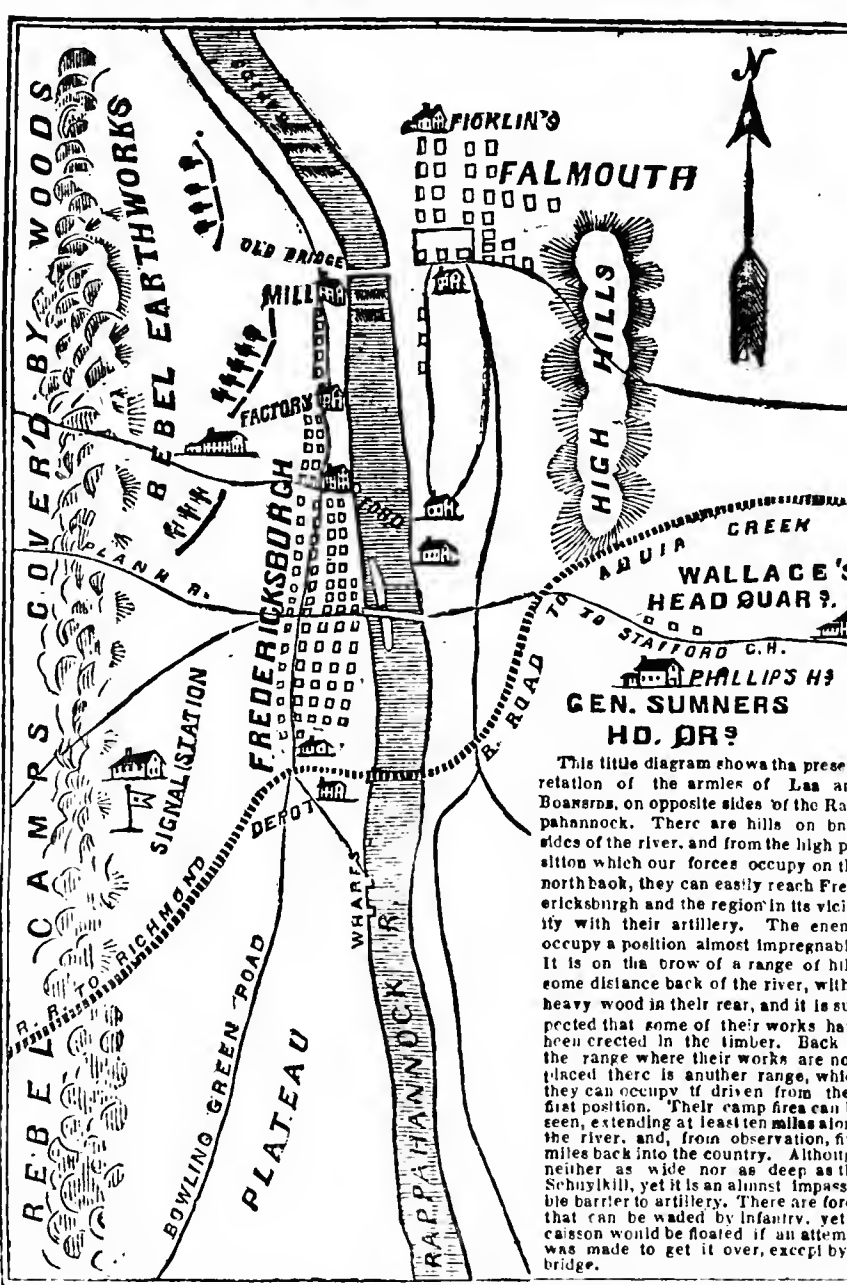
The rest of the position train was expected last evening, and horse and mules, in considerable numbers, have arrived. The weather, this morning, is cool, clear and bracing, the sun clear, dry and clear, and gives promise of a fine, crisp day—just such as gives elasticity to the step, and life to the spirit of the soldier. The frosty temperature of the night must have stiffened and dried the roads, so that the wagon trains can move with greater ease. A wagon-master, yesterday, told me that one of the trains became "stalled" on the way hither from Belplaine, and that after the load of hard bread had been taken out, eight horses and mules could not pull the wagon out of the mud.

Last evening we could hear the welcome sound of the locomotive now travels with materials for completing repairs of the bridge. Gen. Hooker, yesterday, stated that it would take two days more to finish the work. We shall then be ready to receive the locomotive and cars which are already on the way from Alexandria. The former were safely conveyed away when the troops evacuated this position last August. The freight cars were destroyed.

No one who has not given his attention to the subject is aware of the enormous amount of stores which is required for the simple subsistence of a large army. Allowing four pounds per day per man, it will require 2,500 net tons for one week's subsistence for 200,000 men. To supply the current demand of an army of 150,000 men at five pounds each, and accumulate a ten days' supply, will necessitate the transportation of 7,500 tons. This estimate does not include the most bulky portion of supplies—food for the animals. A large part of this in the present bare condition of the country, must also be hauled in wagons over the same roads by which the food is transported. This would furnish a full cargo for four first-class Liverpool ships each day. The forage will keep in constant employment a fleet of 200 schooners of 150 tons each. To all this it is to be remembered there should be added the enormous pontoon trains, and transportation for thousands of horses and mules required for keeping up the working force of the army. No estimate is here made for ammunition and miscellaneous supplies.

Today being Thanksgiving at home, the day will here be observed, as far as circumstances permit, by the soldiers. There will, however, be few restrictions in the soldiers' mess. The only one I saw yesterday was a festive gathering, which was chaired by a soldier. A certain Quartermaster, not far from the camp of the Seventeenth New-York, told me that he had succeeded in convincing the rebels of his sincerity, in that there were half a dozen of his men, who, yesterday, stole food, but he could not handle them in a proper way, he concluded

THE OPPOSING ARMIES ON THE RAPPAHANNOCK.



to leave the soldiers to pick his bones. It would hurt my conscience.

How Thanksgiving Day was Observed—Depredations on the Inhabitant—Movements of the Enemy—New Earthworks, &c.

CAMP OPPOSITE FREDERICKSBURG, Friday, Nov. 28, 1862.

Yesterday was a comparatively quiet day in the army, and one also of comparative rest and facility to the troops. Upon the whole, the materials afforded by army rations, placed out by an occasional fowl—the weather has been that way of late—many a mess was rendered savory and Thanksgiving like. The absence of the warm moccasins and pumpkins, and mugs of good cider out of the cellar, was lamented in some localities, but as a general thing these luxuries were voted unwelcome, and there was no disposition to overload the stomach. In the presence of so much desolation and distress, it is difficult to be thankful, except upon the principle practiced by the old lady, when her son had both legs and arms blown off by the premature discharge of a cannon, and his eyes put out by the powder—she was thankful it was not worse.

Mr. P., a citizen with whom I am stopping temporarily near one of the large encampments, who has had two guards and three dogs to watch against incursions into his domain, and turning yard for a week past, has just come in and reported that one of his calves has been slaughtered and carried off during the night. He is thankful they did not take the cow, but piously wishes that those who regard this war were all in—And now the little girl comes in and says "Mr. Guard, some more soldiers have gone in the kitchen," when you jump guard, father and son and charge out to see that the stragglers do not run off with the dough which "Crisis" has just got ready for a cornucopia for breakfast, or pocket the only remaining coffee-pot. A party of these highlanders carried away the best one yesterday when the nation's back was turned. The bee-hives have been stowed away in the garret, the chickens and Guinea fowls hidden in the cellar or nailed in the coop, the pigs killed and staked down, the horses placed close under the bedroom window. Notwithstanding all these precautions, and constant vigilance on the part of the guard, something turns up missing every day. These are the things for which the citizens have to be thankful. These depredations are not committed by the troops. In all cases, but by hangers-on of the army, stragglers, who are too lazy to do duty, and too cowardly to fight. They contrive to elude the vigilance of the guard, or pretend to be sick, and live for days and weeks out of the lines by plundering hen-roosts and milking the farmers cows.

ACTIVITY OF THE REBELS.

The arrival of Gen. Lee on the opposite side of the river to be definitely ascertained. There was great cheering there some two days ago, upon the occasion of his coming. So it is said. Yesterday morning a fresh line of breastworks, thrown up during the night, appeared in view from the Signal Station. I counted four different sections, at short distances apart, on which working parties of forty to fifty men were busily engaged. One new intrenchment was observed in rear of the town. They are also building magazines near the centre of the main sections. No guns are yet in position on these works—only those mounted a week ago are visible.

On outside the note of preparation is heard, and as soon as all things are ready the forward movement will begin. Any plans of attack it would be improper to hint at even if they were known to me.

LETTER FROM POTOMAC CREEK.

POTOMAC CREEK, SEVEN MILES FROM THE POTOMAC RIVER, AND TEN FROM FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Friday, Nov. 28, 1862.

The bridge over this stream has been the only connecting link needed in the railroad from Aquia Creek to Fredericksburgh. The structure now completed is about ninety feet high, consisting of one built above another, and firmly staved on each side. Mr. HARVEY ROSS, with some fifty men, has had charge of the building of the work, which has been completed in less than a week's time. The bridge over the Aquia was constructed last week, as soon as Fredericksburgh is taken a bridge will be

thrown across the Rappahannock at that point. The work over it is already at the mouth of Aquia Creek. On Wednesday, a schooner, containing some 75,000 feet of the timber, many of them a foot square and seventy feet long, got aground; fifty soldiers, however, who were detailed for the purpose, succeeded in rewinning the vessel from its precarious position. The rails have all been laid, and it is expected that the cars will run regularly from today onward. W. H. Wagoner, of Pennsylvania, who had charge of the road during our occupation of the country during last Spring and Summer, has again been appointed Superintendent. Thirty-two cars and two engines, the Government and General, have arrived by water from Alexandria. The cars were brought to Aquia Creek yesterday and placed in running order. These are the same cars and engines which were used on the Warrenton and Alexandria Railroad until we abandoned that work. The One Hundred and Second New-York, and Twenty-fourth Michigan are guarding the road at the Aquia end. Other regiments are also scattered along the entire length, some forty miles. A telegraph station has just been established here, and communication with Washington and other points.

LETTER FROM BURN'S STATION.

Operations of the Harris Light Cavalry.

BURN'S STATION, FIVE MILES FROM THE POTOMAC RIVER, FROM FREDERICKSBURG, Thursday, Nov. 27, 1862.

An interesting expedition, sent out several days since, has just returned here from the mouth of the Rappahannock. On Wednesday, the 19th inst., Gen. BURN was ordered to send a portion of his cavalry in a southerly course from Falmouth for the purpose of clearing out any rebel stragglers, and watching the movements of the enemy on the other side of the Rappahannock. The force consisted of ten squadrons of the Harris Light Cavalry, led by Major H. HARRIS, a gallant officer, and about the same number of the First New Jersey Cavalry, all under command of Col. KERR. They left Falmouth on Thursday morning the 26th, turning off on the crossroad leading to King George Court-house and Port Conway. The men proceeded on their way until night, when they camped on Col. TAYLOR'S farm. Scouting parties were sent out in the direction of King George and Port Conway. On the next day small squads of men were sent out in various directions. One of these discovered that the rebels had collected on this side of the river 15,000 bushels of wheat and corn, to be forwarded toward Richmond. A long row of teams were discovered on the opposite shore of the Rappahannock, waiting to receive the grain. One hundred and fifty rebel cavalry were also discovered in the rear of Port Royal, opposite to Port Conway, whose mission was to guard this wagon train.

No sooner were the cavalry seen than Col. KERR determined to attack them. The ten pieces of flying artillery accompanying the expedition were masked in a squadron of the Harris Light Cavalry, which cautiously proceeded in the direction of Port Conway. On reaching the bank of the river the men were quickly unmasked, placed in position, sighted, and before the rebels on the opposite side dreamed of our presence two shells were dropped among them, such a scattering effect on a small scale has not been witnessed during the war. The men, some with horses and some without, fled in all directions, to the infinite amusement of our men. The force returning to Col. TAYLOR'S farm at night (Saturday), and reconnoitering parties were thrown down the Neck as far as Mathias Point. A large amount of whisky, fancy goods, boots, shoes and contraband articles of every description, were found scattered in barns and other places. Major HARRIS is of the opinion that notwithstanding the blockade an immense amount of illegal traffic is carried on across the Potomac. One hundred and fifty hogs belonging to the Confederate Government, were also secured. The enemy's camp fires were visible all along the opposite shore of the Rappahannock, indicating the presence of a very large force. Rebels and contrabands, who had escaped through the river, had formed one of the most numerous camps of the kind, which was done. On the afternoon of the 19th inst., all their available force from Richmond, intending to make the fight in the vicinity of Fredericksburgh. The men reached their headquarters a short dis-

tance from here, much exhausted by their five day's operations. The Eighth Pennsylvania Cavalry have been sent out to complete the good work commenced.

During the week prior to this expedition the Harris Light Cavalry were busily employed in finding the fords on the Rappahannock above Fredericksburgh. On Friday, the 14th inst., Maj. HARRIS received orders from Gen. BURN to picket Field's Ford, Camp's Fall's Ford and Elly's, laid down on the maps as Barnett's. He proceeded to do so, but finding that his force was much inferior to the enemy's, asked for reinforcements. A further detachment from the Harris Cavalry and also one from the Tenth New-York Cavalry were sent to him. The men had been on their posts not a short time before the rebels attempted to cross the Campus Fall's Ford. Our boys not having their carbines with them at the time drove them back with their revolvers three times, placing several hors du combat.

Further orders were received to picket Richards' and United States Fords, eight miles from Falmouth, S.W. of the Fifth Virginia Cavalry, stationed near Campus Fall's Ford, indicated from the opposite shore that he desired an interview. Corporal BARNES, Company G, United States Infantry, met him in the middle of the stream, when they shook hands and agreed that there should be no further picket firing on either side. The same Lieutenant afterward exchanged with one of our men some whisky and tobacco for coffee. On Tuesday, the 18th, the enemy suddenly came upon our pickets, near United States Ford, capturing twelve of them and ten horses. They belonged to the Tenth New-York. The same evening they also drove in our pickets at Ellis' Ford. Reinforcements from the New-Jersey Cavalry were received the next day. The enemy were constantly demoralizing and approaching our pickets at dusk, on foot, to make us believe that they were supported by an infantry force. The force left the fords to proceed on the expedition just completed.

IMPORTANT OPERATIONS IN FRONT.

Brilliant Reconnaissance in Force by Gen. Stahl.

The Enemy Encountered at Snicker's Gap and at Berryville.

TOTAL ROUT OF THE REBELS.

Capture of Prisoners, Horses, Hogs, Cattle, Arms, &c.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday, Nov. 30—12 25.

We have received the following from the TIMES' special correspondent, dated Fairfax Court-house, 30th.

Gen. Stahl returned this evening from his reconnaissance in force commenced on Thursday night last. After driving in Warren's pickets at Ashby's Gap on Friday, the command returned to Middleburg, and there encamped for the night.

On Saturday it proceeded to Berryville, via Snicker's Gap. The enemy, Warren's Battalion, was first met at the Snicker's Gap Ford of the Shenandoah River. A portion of the advance detachment, commanded by Col. WYMAN, of the First New-Jersey, opened fire and crossed the river, when the rebels, after firing a few volleys, fled in confusion to their camp, one and a quarter miles distant, closely pursued by Col. WYMAN'S command. The camp was taken entirely by surprise, and Warren's force, almost without firing a shot, fled in confusion. Horses, prisoners, three flags, cattle, ambulances, guns, pistols, sabres, tents, &c., were captured.

The reserve force, commanded by Col. DE CORVAL, then advanced upon Berryville, which was occupied by Warren's Battalion, the Eighth, Seventh and Twelfth Virginia Cavalry, who, accompanied by Maj. KERR, charged through the principal street, driving the enemy before them. A force of the enemy then came from a cross road, and charged. Maj. KERR returned to the attack, at the same moment Capt. HEINTZ of Gen. Stahl's Staff, charged upon the same force. The rebels, who had expected to have an easy victory, fled in utter dismay.

In this affair we had one man killed, eight or ten wounded, and one—Lieut. HALL, of the Ninth New-York—missing.

The principal force of the rebels, commanded by Gen. JONES, fell back on Winchester, and were pursued by the Ninth New-York Cavalry to within four miles of that place.

The name of the man killed was Geo. BRADLEY, Company G, Ninth New-York Cavalry.

Among the rebels taken prisoners were Surgeon WYMAN, Capt. GARD, Lieut. BARRETT, Bob. WHITE, of Washington, and belonging to Warren's Battalion.

The wounded of our men, so far as ascertained, are as follows:

Lieut. John T. Rutter, Company I.

Privates—Jno. Phillips, Co. A; Jno. L. Bonter, Co. C.

Lieut. Luther Hemick, Co. A.

Adrian Letch, Jno. Brewster, Co. G, all of the Ninth New-York Cavalry.

Lieut. Mervin, of the Seventeenth Michigan.

Serjt. Major Smith, of the Ninth, was taken prisoner, but escaped, as did several others.

About 30 prisoners in all were captured. All the men and officers engaged, acted with the greatest bravery.

Twelfth Ward.

TWELFTH WARD, SEVENTEENTH ALBEMARLE DISTRICT—FOR ALDERMAN, WILLIAM DUNNIN.—This gentleman should receive the earliest support of the voters of the Twelfth Ward. He is an old and tried friend with the varied interests of his Ward, connected with superior intelligence and activity. Such a one is wanted in the Aldermanic Board, and the Twelfth Ward would gain a still higher position by electing William DUNNIN, and our readers will excuse us in our earnestness, when we remind them that the two opposing candidates are each led on by bitter factions of the Democratic Party, and the golden opportunity now presents itself to elect WILLIAM DUNNIN as the people's candidate, endorsed as he is by the Democrats, Republicans, laborers and working men, and proves himself elected he will owe his election to the people, and not to party. Then, fellow-citizens of the Twelfth Ward, vote—and, reader, your one vote may elect WILLIAM DUNNIN Alderman of the Twelfth Ward.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

THE MEETING OF CONGRESS TO-DAY.

The President's Message and the Departmental Reports.

The Delay in the Advance of the Army.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 30.

THE MESSAGE AND DOCUMENTS.

The President's Message is completed and intended to be transmitted to Congress to-morrow. It is considerably longer than the last, as the President enters largely into the questions of emancipation and confiscation, as well as some others, whose new importance renders necessary a more lengthy discussion. He presents a most satisfactory statement of our foreign relations, and draws conclusions favorable to the sincerity of European Governments in their professions of friendly regard for our own.

The offer of mediation on the part of the French Emperor, even, he does not consider hostile.

The President's Message was put in type this morning. In the Government Printing Office, in one hour it will make about four columns of the TIMES.

The Report of the Secretary of War is completed, but no copies will be allowed to go out in advance of the transmission to Congress. The Secretary will not even permit it to be printed. It is an elaborate document, and presents a favorable exhibit of the working of that immense Department.

The Report of the Secretary of the Navy is complete, and in print. Copies have been given to the Associated Press for use immediately on the reading of the Message in Congress. It is a lengthy document, ably written, and giving full and interesting details of our naval affairs.

The publication by one of your contemporaries of the Report of the Commissioner of Penitents, in advance of the transmission of that document to Congress, is denounced by the Secretary of the Interior as a violation of pledges under which it was procured. The course of the TIMES and other journals which had the same report, but respected the wishes of the Department, affords a favorable contrast to that of the journal in question.

THE DELAY OF THE ARMY.

It is now generally admitted that the failure of the Army of the Potomac to cross the Rappahannock promptly on its arrival at Falmouth, was caused by the unexpected absence of the means for crossing, and of transportation. Gen. Miles, against whom the current of censure strongly sets, denies all responsibility, casting the blame on the engineer corps. The current rumor, that he has been removed are entirely untrue, though the Government promises a rigid investigation, and the prompt punishment of the guilty party. Among the officers of the Army of the Potomac the opinion extensively prevails that the Government purposely caused the failure, in order to delay operations, and afford the rebels another opportunity for submission before the first of January.

NO RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Mrs. LINTON, on account of the death of her son last Spring, will have no reception at the White House this Winter.

THE INDIAN TROUBLES.

The Secretary of the Interior is satisfied that the late Indian troubles in Minnesota originated in the insurrection in the Southern States, and were aided by British emissaries from Canada.

GEN. McCLELLAN.

Gen. McCLELLAN is expected to be here to-morrow to testify before Gen. McDowell's Court of Inquiry.

GEN. PORTER'S COURT-MARTIAL.

Gen. PORTER'S court were not in session on Saturday, having adjourned over until Monday.

NEW UNITED STATES DEMAND NOTES.

A plate is being engraved by the Treasury Department, the first of the new issue of notes to replace the New-York currency by better ones, and such as will not be easily counterfeited. It is a fac simile of the painting by the rounds of the Capitol of the Landing of the Pilgrims. Each note will have one of these pictures upon it, engraved in the most elaborate style.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 30.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PIRATE ALABAMA.

The Navy Department has information that the pirate "ALABAMA" was expected in the vicinity of the Azores early in November. She was to receive supplies, ammunition and seamen from the steamer Rappahannock. The Turkish steamer Saenger was taking dispatches to that place for Capt. SAMPSON. Several United States vessels are in that neighborhood.

RETIRED.

P. S. SAMPSON, of Pennsylvania, has resigned his position in the Pay Department of the army.

NAVAL MATTERS.

The following Masters have been promoted to be Acting Volunteer Lieutenants in the navy, for gallant conduct in the action at Sabine Pass: NATHAN H. HAYMOND, of the steamer Kennington; L. W. PARRINGTON, commanding schooner Henry Jones; FRANKLIN CROOKER, commanding the Kennington; and QUINCY A. HOSKIN, commanding the Rachel Stanton.

GEORGE WOOD has been appointed Acting Volunteer Lieutenant for gallant conduct at Achafalaya River.

EDWIN JAMES has been appointed Acting Ensign in the navy for gallant conduct at Sabine Pass.

Acting Master HENRY O. PORTER has been ordered to proceed to New-York, and report to Rear-Admiral FAULKNER, for passage in the Circassian to the West Gulf Blockading Squadron, and then report to Rear-Admiral FAULKNER for such duty as may be assigned to him.

Acting Assistant Surgeon W. H. HOLMES has been ordered to the steamer Southfield.

CAPT. L. M. POWELL.

Some fears are entertained for the safety of Capt. L. M. POWELL of the navy, the latter assigning him an important duty, still remaining in the New-York Post-office and advised.

THE DEATH OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

The death of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Postmaster General are not only a great loss to the Government, but a great loss to the country. It is therefore not certain that the message will be transmitted to-morrow.

THE FRENCH PROJECT OF MEDIATION.

A VIEW FROM PARIS.

Why Unexpected—Its Motive—The Refusal of England—Hostile—War—of the Document—Itself—Its Reception in France.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Paris, Friday, Nov. 14, 1862.

The very weak and inoffensive document on American affairs just published by M. Drouyn de Lhuys, has taken most people by surprise. The fact that only the sensation and generally unreliable journals announced its existence, while the official and semi-official journals either remained silent or contradicted it, and the utter improbability of the thing in itself, induced the public in general to discredit the reports in circulation. Even the *Constitutionnel*, the organ of the Minister of the Interior, denied the existence of the document the very same day it appeared in the *Moniteur*, and yet the document was already a fortnight old. Moreover, the Emperor, in a late conversation with a distinguished foreigner who was urging upon him the propriety of an intervention in America on humanitarian grounds, declared that he could see no use in an intervention, since from all the facts he had been able to ascertain the North would submit to anything almost but dissolution, which it would never submit to, while the South on its side would submit probably to almost anything but reunion, and to that never. As Mr. Lincoln doubted the propriety of issuing the Emancipation Proclamation just before signing it, so also the Emperor doubted the propriety of a demand for an armistice before signing the document in question.

As the document will, perhaps, never reach the Government at Washington in an official form, in default of its nonacceptance by one or both of the other Powers to which it is addressed, the great point of interest to be considered is the motive which prompted France in making the offer, and the motive of England in refusing it. On this subject, I should say that the most prevalent opinion here is that the act of France is a friendly one, intending to bring with it the reconstruction of the Union, while the refusal of England was based upon a destruction of the Union was to let the belligerents alone, and especially to avoid any alliance with the two friendly Powers, France and Russia. There are people who hold contrary opinions to this—as for example that the act of France conceals designs of a coalition with the Southern Confederacy, and that Mr. Lincoln, in order to accomplish this, promised the gradual emancipation of Slavery in the Confederacy; but this supposition is contrary to the facts and the logic in the case.

We believe, therefore, that the document was meant to be a friendly act to the United States, and that, in the settlement which was to take place under the armistice, the reconstruction of the Union was to be the solution to be looked for, and we come then to a consideration of the document itself. On this head it would be difficult to find one word of approbation. It is weak, wretched, false, untimely, injudicious, and, in a certain sense, roisheuse. It is the most recent example on record of a great nation attempting the rôle of the world's arbitrator on such a complete ignorance of the thing to be arbitrated. Its great feature, however, is its inutility, and it is in this sense that it is mischievous, for an attempt at diplomacy not followed by results is apt to mislead the public mind as to the motives of the attempt. As regards results, the inutility of the step is, in fact, the great thing with which to reproach the Government.

But the language of the document in question is also objectionable. It is an insult to the Government of the United States—a recognized and friendly Power—to treat it on the same basis with the "Confederate States," with a rebellion yet unrecognized, yet unsuccessful in the establishment of its power, and especially which was commenced without the sanction of universal suffrage. The document is grossly unfair, if it means that during the armistice the Southern ports are to be opened to commerce; but it is probable that the Government contemplated making of this a subject for discussion under the armistice. This is at least the most charitable construction we can put upon this part of the document. Finally, the document is objectionable to nineteen-twentieths of the French people, in the fact that it does not mention the question of Slavery—for it is to-day an admitted fact in both sections of public opinion in France, that this Government can take no step in America which will in any way countenance the continuation of Slavery.

In France the document is received by all the small writers of the Press with transports of joy, but by those writers who understand that the question which is being fought out in America is a vital one, it is criticised with a severity to which even Americans can add nothing. M. PASTOR PARADIS, in the *Journal des Débats* of this morning, demolishes the document utterly and without redemption, from beginning to end, and one cannot but think that the Foreign Minister, after reading this article, would wish his weak and blundering attempt at diplomacy had remained in his bureau-drawer. The able writer of the *Débats* finds not one redeeming, but one reassuring feature in the affair, and that is that the publication of the document by the Government is an evidence that the negotiation has failed, and that its publication shows that the Government meant it as a friendly act, since it thus hopes to show to the Americans that it takes an interest in their affairs!

The document avows that the present time was seized for the offer of an armistice, because of the manifestation of a desire for peace both North and South, and because neither army was making any progress. We do not pretend to know from what source the French Government derived this intelligence, for the only place in which we have seen anything of the kind was in the columns of the Slavery Press of Paris and London; but it is a safe to say, nevertheless, that to the Democratic Party of the North is due this lame and foolish attempt at intervention in American affairs, and since the days of Adam there has been no spectacle more pitiable than that afforded by a portion of the American people, thus invited, by their conduct, the intervention of foreign Nations in their internal affairs. If the opposition factions of the North could read daily the columns of abuse of the whole American people, which their acts inspire in the columns of foreign journals, and which we here are obliged to read—if they could see and for moment realize the odious rôle they are made to play in the political history of the day, they would perhaps feel revive within them whatever is left of nationality and of true Americanism. It seems incredible that Ameri-

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MALAKOFF.

A VIEW FROM LONDON.

England and Russia Supposed to be Unfavorable—Their Policies—What would be the Effect of an Armistice—If Rejected, what follows—Effect of Terrorism.

From Our Own Correspondent.

London, Friday, Nov. 14.

The readers of the *Times* will, perhaps, remember that I have uniformly expressed the opinion, that the first movement toward European intervention in American affairs would come from the Emperor of France. The text of the dispatch from the French to the English and Russian Governments proposing a joint demand for an armistice, will go out by this steamer. So will the fact that the Emperor has, within a few days, given a long and very cordial reception to Mr. STURGEON, in which he discussed with him very fully the project of intervention.

In this dispatch the Emperor acknowledges in distinct terms, "the Confederate States." He expresses, politely indeed, but not the less strongly, his own, and the general opinion of Europe, that the war tends to no result, and that the South cannot be subdued. But what answer comes from the two great Powers, who are invited to join with France in ending the war?—for an armistice of six months, would be the end. It is believed that both England and Russia will hesitate to join in this enterprise. England dare not provoke the American Government to hostilities, she has counted the cost, and believes, with Mr. COBBIN, that she had better feed a million of people in Lancashire on turtle and venison, for a year than risk a war with America—a war which would swallow Canada at the first mouthful, sweep the seas of her commerce, and imperil her power in every quarter of the globe.

As to Russia, she has no special interest in the matter. The loss of cotton has made increased demand and higher prices for flax and hemp, her own staples. It is not the policy of Russia to recognize or aid rebellions. She has trouble enough with her own provinces. She cannot deny to the American Government the right of doing what she has always done in her own territory. Austria put down a rebellion in Hungary, recognize or give aid to the Confederate States of America?

As before, then, all rests with the Emperor NAPOLEON. It is plain that England will not join him unless she is forced to do so, and it rests with the Emperor to apply the necessary pressure. If he can persuade Lord PALMERSTON that it will be for his advantage, and promises to guarantee England from all damage, England will yield a slow and reluctant consent. In this case, Russia will come in, prostrately to protect the interests of the North. But the Emperor has not taken this measure without carefully measuring all the ground, and knowing beforehand the reception it would meet with. With a full knowledge of the sentiments, and the probable action of the European powers, he has taken this step, and I believe that, after all this delay, and some coquetting, to save appearances, the combination will be made, and the Government at Washington invited to enter upon the negotiation.

Mr. STURGEON has, without doubt, pledged the acceptance of the proposal for an armistice, at Richmond. The South could ask nothing better than the suspension of hostilities, the raising of the blockade, and the opportunity to convert their cotton into military stores and other luxuries and necessities of life. But how of the North? She needs an armistice. Her ports are all open, and supplies flow to her from every part of the world. An armistice of six months, with armies of a million of men to support in idleness and demoralization, would be ruin. To accept of this proposition is to accept of peace, and to acknowledge the independence of the Southern Confederacy. It is to give up all for which the war was begun, and has been fought. It is to lose all that has been expended of blood and treasure, and to sacrifice the cause in which they have been so cheerfully given.

In a word, this proposal of an armistice means intervention, recognition, and, if need be, the aid of France and the maritime powers to the Southern Confederacy. It is wholly in the interest of the South. It begs the whole question, or rather it seeks to determine it against the North. Suppose an armistice agreed to. It must be followed by negotiations. The South would demand nothing less than independence. Suppose that demand acceded to, there would be the question of boundaries. How can they be settled? Can the Confederacy disown a State which has formally joined it? Assuredly not. Neither the Government at Washington nor that at Richmond can disown a State without the consent of its people. The whole question would have to be referred to the people of the States, and Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri would be allowed to decide by a popular vote to which Government they would adhere.

I see talk in America of a general Convention; but a general Convention cannot bind particular States. It must be Conventions of each State. At least, this was the fashion when the Constitution was adopted. Congress could not cede Maine to Great Britain, without the consent of her own people. It is only the territories that could be disposed of by treaty.

Such are the difficulties in the way of accepting the proposition of the Emperor, were there even a disposition in the North to stop fighting and go to arguing. But I fail to see such a disposition. If the Democratic party should come into power, it seems to be pledged to the vigorous prosecution of the war and the restoration of the Union quite as much as the Republicans. How can the Democratic party be supposed to favor peace, when peace means dissolution, and when they claim to have given the larger number of soldiers to the armies of the Republic?

However this may be, one thing should be perfectly understood. If Europe demands a suspension of hostilities, the whole force of that demand should be comprehended, before it is conceded. The armistice means permanent peace—for the power that recommend peace in their own interests will never consent to a renewal of hostilities. It means the recognition of the independence of the South, and a supply of whatever aid is necessary for the maintenance of that independence. It means the raising of the blockade of the Southern ports and free trade between the South and Europe; and if the blockade is raised, it will not again be permitted to be enforced. An armistice, demanded by the maritime powers of Europe, means nothing more nor less than that the North

should give up all it is fighting for, and that the South should have all it requires.

I assume that the proposition, which is really a demand, will be made. I assume that the Emperor has not taken so important a step in favor of the Confederacy hastily, or without knowing his ground and determining to accept all consequences. He has an army in Mexico, and a formidable fleet in the Gulf. I have shown, I think, that it is impossible to accept this proposition without granting, at the same time, all that the South demands—freedom to go where they please and to do what they please.

If Mr. LINCOLN's Government is not ready for that, the proposition will be declined. If Mr. SEWARD is of the same mind that he was a year ago, the proposition would be considered an insult and a cause of war. I am not sure that war has not been declared in advance against any Power which should make such a proposition. To accept it would be to confess that the war is hopeless. If the Government believes that the South can be conquered and the Union restored, it will not consent to an armistice, of which all the gain would be to the enemy.

Need I ask, then, whether it will be rejected. It must be, of course, rejected with scorn and indignation, and with grief, no doubt, by those who have believed that the Emperor was the friend of the North. I have never, for a moment, given in to that delusion. The Emperor is Southern, and is not afraid to say so. England is Southern, and is afraid to say so by any action that will bring danger to her commercial interests. Not that she is cowardly, not a bit of it. British, Scottish, Irish, they have plenty of fight. England's cowardice is in the pocket. She is brave to fight, but cowardly about the cost of fighting.

If the proposed armistice be rejected by America, what then? Then intervention will take some other and more hostile form, if the Emperor is in earnest—as I have argued him to be—probably that of recognition, and whatever may naturally follow. The *Times* supports the Government in its supposed position of non-intervention on two grounds—one that the South is doing very well, and the other that there is a prospect of a change of policy in the North. But the articles of the *Times* are written with a reserve that makes one look for a change. The opposition of the British Cabinet may be but a pretence; but a few days will enlighten us.

There is one matter worthy of the attention of the Government at Washington. It is the effect produced in Europe by such acts as the Military execution of the prisoners of war at Palmyra, Mo., not for acts of their own, but for the supposed acts of others. Every such act of simple terrorism alienates thousands of friends and embitters millions of enemies. The South is made more hostile, and the restoration of the Union more hopeless. If a National General in Missouri shoots ten prisoners for one man suspected to be killed, why should not a Confederate General shoot a hundred prisoners—arriving at the same proportion for these were known to be killed, and so on until all prisoners on both sides are butchered in cold blood as soon as possible.

MONROCK.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

LOCAL POLITICS.

OUR CHARTER ELECTION.

A Comptroller, Corporation Counsel, Nine Aldermen, Twenty-four Councilmen, Twenty-two School Commissioners, Inspectors and Trustees to be Elected.

On Tuesday next, a great fight will be fought on the popular battle-field—the ballot-box. To a certain extent the question of political principle may enter the arena, but for the loaves and fishes, the little spoils, the principal contest will be made.

The great fight will be fought for the COMPTROLLERSHIP.

For this office the following nominations are made: *Republican*—People's Union, Tammany—Mozart, Robert T. Hays, Matthew T. Brennan. The choice is happily narrowed to two. The question is, simply—Shall we vote for worth or party? If the great body of the people of this City prefer to give control of their finances to a man whose only claim to their votes is that he has received a party nomination, rather than to select one who has proved himself in every respect competent and most admirably qualified for the place, they are at perfect liberty to do so. It is a free country, and every man has a right to select precisely such persons to manage his affairs as he thinks best.

It would appear, however, from the list of names appended to the appeal to the electors of the City, in favor of Mr. Hays, that this is not the case. It is a determination on the part of a very large body of voters to disown and altogether the political action of the ensuing election, and take their action simply on the ground of the fitness of the candidate. Among these voters will be found a very large proportion of gentlemen who were ardent supporters of Mr. SEWELL, in the election of last autumn; in fact, every shade of politics will be found represented, as well as every interest of the City, and a very large share of its property. It is a very encouraging indication of what may be hoped for on a still larger scale at the day of election.

We presume that no man in this City doubts that in everything relating to the duties of the office Mr. Hays commands the public with stronger claims than Justice BARNETT. He is a business man, thoroughly conversant with the duties of the office, of proved integrity, free from all suspicion of having used the office for party purposes, and enjoying the cordial confidence of business men, without regard to party. He has administered the affairs of that Department with signal ability and success. Justice BARNETT has never filled any public office except those of Police Captain and Police Justice, and in neither of those has he evinced or acquired any fitness for a position so widely different in all respects as that of Comptroller of the City finances. It will be supported, not at all on account of any special qualifications for the place, but solely and exclusively because he has been nominated by the Democratic Party.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Congress meets to-day, and the Message of the President will be delivered to that body in time for publication in the afternoon papers. It is understood to be longer than the last, as the questions of Emancipation and Confiscation are very fully discussed. The reports of the Secretaries of War and the Navy are also ready, and will accompany the Message.

Gen. BURMAN paid a visit to Washington on Friday night, and during Saturday forenoon was closeted with the President and Gen. HALLACK—returning to his headquarters in the afternoon. His visit was followed by an extra Cabinet consultation.

The rebels, our dispatches from headquarters inform us, continue to throw up earthworks around Fredericksburg. Some of our batteries, the guns of which bear directly upon the town, have also been protected by earthworks. Five of our gunboats are reported to have proceeded up the Rappahannock as far as King George Court-House, opposite the right wing of the enemy. Yesterday a few shots were thrown across the river by our left wing batteries, probably to try the range of the guns. A large body of rebel cavalry, said to be HAMPTON'S Legion, crossed the Rappahannock on Friday, and eluding our pickets, surprised two companies of Pennsylvania cavalry, near Hartwood, and captured nearly the whole of them, after a brief skirmish. Another dispatch says the two companies belonged to the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, who were out on a reconnaissance at the time. Stonewall JACKSON was supposed to be on Saturday at Culpeper, designing to move directly thence to Fredericksburg, to reinforce LEE. The roads in the vicinity of Falmouth are again improving, and there is now no difficulty about the transportation of supplies.

The grand army of the Southwest is reported to be in motion. Gen. SHERMAN left Memphis on Wednesday with his forces, and Gen. GRANT'S army struck their tents at dawn on Friday, and marched off on the Holly Springs Road. Seven days' rations were prepared. Only one tent was allowed to twenty men; one tent to the officers of each company, and six wagons to each regiment. The rebels are understood to be falling back toward Grenada, tearing up the track. They carry off the rails and burn the bridges and destroy the ties as they retreat. It is even reported that the rebels are removing all their valuables from Jackson, Miss. Prisoners captured confess the utter hopelessness of their cause in the Southwest.

The Memphis Bulletin of Nov. 23 says: "We have advices from Holly Springs up to Friday morning. At that time neither army occupied the place. The Confederates had fallen back to a point three miles south of the town, and the Federal army occupied Hudsonville, about seven miles this side of Holly Springs. Occasionally the Federal or Confederate pickets would go into the town, but neither side made an effort, or seemed disposed, to occupy the place. The town of Holly Springs is represented as almost completely deserted. Some weeks ago, before the Confederates evacuated, the leading citizens of the place evaded themselves of the opportunity to leave for Dixie. Our informant states, as a matter of fact, that there are but fifteen male residents of the town to be found there now. All the rest have left for some point further south."

The Nashville Union, of Monday last, has these items: "A gentleman, who left McMinnville on Nov. 21, says that Gov. HARRIS was there, looking exceedingly downcast and careworn. It is the general impression of the rebel citizens that their army will fall back, and many of them are collecting their negroes and other property, and preparing to fly from the approaching Union army. It is reported, also, that some four hundred of MORGAN'S horse thieves left their rendezvous at Beard's Mills, some seven miles from Lebanon, on the Murfreesboro Road, last Friday morning, and started to attack a small party of Gen. THOMAS' Division, who were on this side of the river, at Wood's Ferry. Our soldiers got word of their approach, and crossed the river, leaving their tents on this side, and prepared to welcome the gang with cannon. When the guerrillas dashed up, a few rounds of shell were thrown among them, which scattered them in all directions, killing ten of the party. MORGAN left his camp with his whole force that night, and started in the direction of Cumberland River, with the intention, it is thought, of injuring the railroad."

The steamships Cumberland and Parkersburg arrived at this port on Saturday, from New-Orleans on the 20th inst. The great Union demonstration took place on the night of the 15th. New-Orleans on that occasion, to use the phrase of our correspondent, was in a blaze of Union glory. The St. Charles Theatre was surrounded by listeners to the Union speeches. Gen. BUTLER was present, and was received by

the people with every demonstration of respect and enthusiasm. Speeches were made by several prominent citizens, and by Col. DENING, at present Mayor of the city. After the meeting in the theatre, a torchlight procession paraded the streets, and among the noteworthy incidents of its march were "cheers for ABRAHAM LINCOLN." JACOB BARRETT, having explained away the treacherous import of the article for the publication of which his National Advocate was suspended, had been permitted by Gen. BUTLER to issue it again. Plenty of candidates were offering for the vacant Congressional seats for which elections are to be held. The military and naval news by these arrivals is important. Great preparations were being made for further operations against the rebels, by land and water. A naval expedition on a large scale was being fitted out, the destination of which was up the Mississippi, to clear it of the rebelcraft engaged in contraband trade, and of the batteries erected by the rebels at Port Hudson and elsewhere—ultimately, perhaps to operate at Vicksburg in cooperation with the forces moving down the river. An advance was also to be made by land, to clear the country of guerrillas, and act generally in conjunction with the gunboats.

In Arkansas the Confederates not only burned all old cotton, but were now burning the new. All north of White River is to be destroyed, and a force is now there attending to it. One man who had 250 bales was allowed to keep 50. The Grenada Appeal of the 21st urges the Mississippi authorities to compel the negroes to go to work immediately on the fortifications, as they are doing in Georgia. In that State one-tenth of the negro population, between the ages of fifteen and fifty, have been called out, and one million dollars appropriated.

It was reported at Memphis on Nov. 24, that Gen. HURLEBERT was to command the National column soon to start from that point to cooperate with Gen. GRANT.

Gen. BLUNT, who was pressing his way toward Fort Smith, Arkansas, has been ordered back by Gen. TORRES.

There are now eleven thousand Massachusetts troops at Newbern, N. C., and regiments are constantly arriving. From rebel sources we learn that a National force, probably from one of the blockading vessels, landed near Houston, Texas, early in November, and destroyed PRATT'S machine shop and all the fixtures.

GENERAL NEWS.

CORONER COLLINS yesterday afternoon commenced an inquest at the Twenty-seventh Precinct Station house, in Cedar-street, upon the body of THOMAS BYRNES, who died on Saturday evening from a pistol shot wound in the abdomen, at the hands of JAMES P. SULLIVAN. The excitement in the First Ward, since very high yesterday, among the social and political friends of the respective parties. The inquisition will be resumed this morning at ten o'clock at the same place.

Rev. Dr. RUFUS W. CLARK, Pastor of the South Congregational Church, Brooklyn, preached a farewell sermon to his congregation last evening, prior to his leaving for London, where he has been invited to take charge of the First Reformed Dutch Church of that city. Dr. CLARK has been very successful and popular with his Brooklyn congregation, and a large audience assembled to listen to his farewell sermon.

Messrs. DODGE, ROOSEVELT and BRONSON, Commissioners of Allocated, estimate that the volunteers from this State alone have allotted \$5,341,800 per annum of their pay. Those who have made no allotment of their pay, have doubtless remitted half as much more—making an aggregate of at least \$8,000,000.

A Fort Delaware correspondent furnishes the Pittsburgh Dispatch with the following little bit of history. A day or two very high yesterday, some particulars in relation to FLOYD'S attempted shipment of heavy artillery from Pittsburgh, which, in the absence of individual names, might, nevertheless, be of some interest. These pieces, ostensibly ordered for Ship Island, near New Orleans, were really intended for Fort Morgan, at the entrance of Mobile Bay. The forms were constructed at Watervliet; but, as the engineer foresaw treason in the Secretary of War, they were purposely made three inches too short, with other defects which rendered them useless for service. They were, however, sent for a few days to the opening of New-York harbor. Other platforms were then ordered. The glacié, or outside work prepared for their reception at Fort Morgan was pushed to completion. FLOYD had all things ready for the great guns at Pittsburgh, and the ships were ready to receive them. A rash invasion of the South Carolinians, and the rebels lost both guns and platforms.

A dispatch from Baltimore to the Philadelphia Inquirer, dated Nov. 28, says: "T. PARKER SCOTT, WILLIAM G. HARRISON, WILLIAM GARTLAND, THOMAS W. HALL, FRANK K. HOWARD, HERMAN M. WATKINSON and ROBT. HULL, seven of the Fort Warren released prisoners, arrived home this afternoon. About three hundred of their friends greeted them at the cars, but no parade or show was made. Col. KANE, Mayor BROWN and S. ZIEGLER WALKER arrive to-morrow. About one hundred of the released prisoners arrived last night from Sharpsburg en route for Richmond."

Bishop AWES, of the Methodist Church in Indiana, has issued a circular calling upon all denominations of Christians to respond to the late call of Gov. MORTON for aid to the families of Indiana volunteers.

American specie has met with a fall in Canada, and is now looked upon with eight cent worth of value to the dollar. In other words, it is "held at eight per cent. discount. This will not have the effect of returning any of it to this side of the line, for the reason that it must be purchased with Canadian money, which is at a premium of 35 or 30 per cent.

The wire works of WASHINGTON & SONS, in Worcester, Mass., were destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning last. The total loss will probably reach the sum of \$50,000 or \$70,000, a new engine having recently been put in at an expense of \$15,000. The total amount of insurance is \$44,500, and is distributed among the following offices: Etna, Hartford, \$10,000; Phoenix, do, \$4,500; North American, do, \$4,500; New-England, do, \$4,500; Washington, Providence, \$7,000; American, do, \$5,500; Atlantic, do, \$5,000; Merchants, do, \$2,500. The mill was running its full capacity, day and night, and the proprietors had sufficient orders to last until April. A large number of hands employed in the Norway Works, South Boston, which were destroyed on Tuesday, Nov. 11, had obtained new situations in this manufactory, and it is a little singular that both these establishments, now burned, were formerly owned by Mr. HENRY S. WASHINGTON.

The official canvass in Kansas has just been concluded. CARNEY, the Republican candidate for Governor, has 9,888 votes—a majority of 4,607 over his antagonist, WAGSTAFF. WILLIAMS, the Unionist Republican candidate for Congress, received 9,339 votes, beating PARSONS by 4,995. A naval officer who has just returned to Washington from a captivity in Richmond, states that the New-York papers were regularly received there. They were rarely more than three or four days old, and to regular subscribers there, were sold for ten cents in rebel simulators.

Gov. KIRKWOOD, of Iowa, has at last taken the initiative steps toward a draft. He has issued an order to the Draft Commissioners of each County subject to the draft, requiring them to assign to each township its quota, and if not made up by the 1st of January, a draft will be resorted to.

The Red River Norwester of Oct. 9 states that gold has been found on the banks of the Saskatchewan, near Fort Edmonton, in quantities sufficient to pay each miner at least \$5 per day. Arrangements have been made for the sale to the Government of the Colorado Mint, formerly owned by Messrs. CLARK, GRUBER & CO. The change will prove very acceptable to the people of the Territory.

The Treasury Department has already stated that the majority of the R. R. over S. A. K. NOX, in the recent election in Kansas, was 153. The following are the names of the candidates: S. A. K. NOX, 4,590; J. V. K. NOX, 4,590.

Justice BOSWORTH, LOUISA OSTERMAN has recovered a verdict of \$1,300 against DANIEL MURRAY, a Police-officer, for an alleged assault and battery.

Business on Saturday was rather spiritless. Flour and Wheat were a shade cheaper, and inactive. Corn advanced slightly, with a moderate inquiry. Cotton was a trifle dearer and somewhat brisk. The transactions in Provisions and Groceries were moderate, as also in Hops, Metals, Oils, Seeds, Spices, Tallow and Whalbone. The movements in Hay, Fish, Hides, Leather and Whisky were to a fair extent at buoyant prices. The freight market was inactive and depressed.

The Stock Market was depressed on Saturday forenoon, and lower prices were made on most of the Railways. Late in the day the demand improved, and part of the decline was recovered; Gold fell off to 128½, and Exchange on London to 142½ to 143 cent.

Mediation and Recognition vs. American Practice.

In the very able communication to the London Times, which we published on Saturday, attributed to the British Secretary of War, it was said that "in 1849 the American Government chose to recognize the independence of the Hungarian insurgents." This is an error which does us great injustice. In fact, our Government can ask nothing better from the European Powers than that they shall conform precisely to its action in that case. Let us see.

First, as to the matter of mediation.

Here was Hungary, for seven hundred years an entirely independent kingdom, three hundred years ago united to the Austrian empire, but still retaining a parliament of its own and a constitution to which every Austrian emperor was obliged to swear fidelity. The connection between Austria and Hungary arose originally not from conquest or purchase, but simply from the fact that two independent kingdoms owed allegiance to the same sovereign, who was crowned and took the coronation oath at both the Austrian and Hungarian capitals. For many years previous to the European revolution of 1848, Hungary had complained of great encroachments by the Austrian emperor, upon her constitution. After that revolution broke out, Hungary demanded a redress of grievances. The Austrian Government temporized until it overcame its revolutionary elements at home, then sent its armies to invade Hungary in nine different directions. At this point, when about two hundred thousand Austrian troops had marched beyond the confines of Hungary, soon to encounter Hungarian forces about the same magnitude, Kossuth solicited the American Charge at the Court of Vienna, Mr. STILES, to "initiate the negotiations of an armistice for the Winter between the two armies, and to stop the calamities of a war so fatal to the interests of both countries." Mr. STILES was very reluctant to touch the matter, representing, as he stated it, in his dispatch to our State Department:

"That it was a domestic quarrel between the Government of the Austrian Empire and its dependencies, and with which no foreign Power could properly have any concern; that it was a subject which the United States had ever regarded with peculiar jealousy, and that I could not, therefore, reconcile it to myself to be in any manner instrumental in committing her, that besides, so extensive, as I understood, had been the preparations made by the Imperial Government for the subjugation of Hungary, that it was scarcely to be expected that it would at this eleventh hour listen to any proposals short of an unconditional surrender to imperial authority."

Yet, being strongly urged, Mr. STILES, "In the interest of humanity," finally consented to have an interview with Prince WIMMERGATZ on the subject. The Prince received him with the utmost kindness, but answered: "I cannot consent to treat with those who are in a state of rebellion." That ended the matter. Mr. BUCHANAN, then Secretary of State, approved of Mr. STILES' action, stating in his note to him on the subject:

"In our foreign policy we must ever be governed by the wise maxim not to interfere with the cherished canons of foreign nations, and from this you have not departed. You have done no more, to your own language, than to attempt to open the door of reconciliation between the opposing parties, leaving them to adjust their difficulties without your intervention."

So much for our attempted mediation on that occasion. It was a mere friendly approach, at the instance of the rebel chief, for the deeper purpose of starting the question whether a truce were possible. When JEFF. DAVIS desires Minister LYONS and Minister MERRET to do him a similar favor, we will vouch that compliance will occasion no offense. Neither must they take it hard if they go back with the same frown in their ear—"I cannot consent to treat with those who are in a state of rebellion."

But how as to recognition? The Austrians proceeded to invade Hungary, and were at first triumphant; but in a few weeks the Hungarians rallied, and by a succession of brilliant victories, drove the Austrians completely from their territory, and then, for the first time, declared their independence. Hitherto they had struggled simply for the inviolability of their constitution; now they declared, in a solemn manifesto, through their National Diet, an absolute severance from the House of Hapsburg. Austria, conquered, appealed to Russia. In two weeks, Russian intervention had officially commenced, and one hundred and sixty thousand men were placed at the disposal of Austria. Four hundred thousand Austrians and Russians entered Hungary at five different points. According to Kossuth's statement, the Hungarian array at this time numbered one hundred and forty-one thousand men. In sixty days the campaign was terminated by the surrender of GOROGY. It was after Austria was conquered, and when Russia was preparing to intervene, that DUDLEY MAN was dispatched by Mr. WOODS, then Secretary of State, to obtain minute and reliable information in regard to Hungary, in connection with the affairs of adjoining countries, and the probable issue of the present revolutionary movements." Mr. WOODS himself thus stated the result in his memorable letter to Chevalier HILDEBRAND the subsequent year:

"The American agent, as was stated in his instructions, was not to be unlikely, found the condition of Hungarian affairs less prosperous than it had been, or had been believed to be. He did not see Hungary, and held any direct communication with her revolutionary leaders. He reported against the recognition of her independence, because he found she had been unable to set up a firm and stable Government."

That was the amount of the whole matter.

the same thing—using all just means to acquaint themselves with the exact situation here, abstaining from all intercourse with the revolutionary leaders, and waiting until the permanence of the rebel Confederacy shall be assured before they recognize it as an independent nation—no loyal American will utter a syllable of complaint.

Non-interference with foreign Powers has from the first been one of the deepest principles and one of the most cherished traditions of our foreign policy. It has not only governed our belligerent action, but has affected our exercise of purely belligerent rights. The South American Republics were irretrievably lost to Spain, and the contest itself had actually ceased, before we, with all our sympathy for them, formally recognized their independence. The Republic of Rome, in 1848, lived for months unrecognized by us, though we had a minister on the spot, and it was plain that nothing but foreign intervention could crush it.

All this has been not because our people have been indifferent to the struggle in other lands. Their hereditary principles and interests have always inclined them strongly toward every people struggling for freedom. But such sympathies have never been allowed to divert the Government from its established rule of practical neutrality.

All that we now ask from the European Powers is that the same non-interfering policy we have in time past exercised toward them, shall now be faithfully practiced toward ourselves. We simply desire that the measure we mete shall be measured to us again. We are willing to give the same latitude to any sympathies for human bondage, that we have ourselves taken in our sympathies for human freedom. Let there be no recognition of the Confederacy until its independence is actually secured, and no positive aid given in any shape toward promoting that independence, and our Government will rest content. It can do without moral support from abroad. All that we can afford to leave to the judgment of history. But we claim, and shall insist upon, and, if need be, shall maintain to the very death, that the duties we have so singularly observed toward other nations shall now in turn be observed toward ourselves.

Congress in Session.

Congress meets to-day, after four months' vacation, under circumstances very favorable to calm and wise action. It has no organization to effect, no new Administration to greet, no perplexing questions as to its proper subdivision into Committees to settle. It meets regularly organized and in working order, with a full understanding of its duties and in thorough sympathy with the coordinate Executive Department of the Government. More nearly every question relating to the great rebellion and the employment of means for its suppression, was at the late session fully discussed and settled, and the Army and Navy, under the President, are engaged in executing the will of the nation in a manner that, it is believed, will meet the general public approval.

What is there, then, for Congress to do? A vast deal, the members will find; and it is a happy fact that circumstances are so favorable to their discreet action as we have described. It is not so much in the importance of the subjects that Congress must soon be considering, as in the temper in which its deliberations are to be conducted, that, in our opinion, the future welfare of the country is involved. To be sure, there are great matters to be determined. As, for instance, the legal provision for the protection of the rights of great numbers of a race, who, from being lately things, must, sooner or later in the progress of this war, come to be persons, and have rights that citizens of all hues will be bound to respect. The tax act, it is much to be hoped, may be modified materially, and some heavy burdens lifted from the people. The Currency question needs the closest inspection of our National legislators. It is a vital interest of the country. Our present financial system must, at every hazard, be kept firm and able enough to conduct the Government without disastrous fluctuations, through the war. When the strife is ended and the Union restored, the rebound will be great enough to justify measures for a return to specie payments that could not be thought of now.

But, important as these subjects are, we repeat it is even more important that they and all others that come up shall be treated in a spirit of calmness, justice, moderation and liberality. The friends of the Government are in great danger, from the mere fact that they are in a large majority. Power has for the best of men its temptations. The friends of the Government should do nothing in the mere wanton exercise of power, but subordinate every movement to public policy and patriotism, freely sacrificing past friendships and resentments to the exigencies of the Republic. There is enough in the past conduct of the war to keep the country by the ears for a long time to come. Perhaps it may be deemed wise for Congress to spend this Winter in fighting all our past battles over again. We do not think so. Such a course will please too well the malcontents of the Opposition, who will have nothing upon which to build a party if we do not help them by incessant controversy on the past actions of the Government. Let the past go. It has its errors. But those errors are not to be repeated. It is the future we must take care of. The present Congress lives only three months more, but the Government and its friends desire to live much longer. Its legacy should be one of wisdom and strength, based on the purity and patriotism of its public acts. In this way it can make the way smooth and safe for the Government by preserving such a popular confidence in it that no succeeding Congress, of happily a factious majority, dare embarrass or impede its action.

SEVEN TICKETS IN THE FIFTEENTH WARD.—We have the special attraction of voters in the Fifteenth Ward, in which the management of the Common Schools has been especially successful. It is due to the fact that on the

Republican ticket the old officers are all renowned. Some of them have been connected with the schools of the City from the date of the adoption of the present system, and every one of them, it is universally conceded, have earned the confidence of all who are interested in maintaining the high character for discipline, mental progress and moral training, which the schools of that Ward have always enjoyed.

We cannot doubt that those Democrats in that Ward, who appreciate the importance of keeping up this high standard of common school education, will deem it just and right to reflect the present officers. Fortunately, they can do this without the slightest departure from what they may deem their party loyalty, inasmuch as the Democratic ticket is not made up of Democratic nominees. One or two Republicans have been put upon it in the hope of securing votes outside the Democratic Party. But all the candidates are entirely without experience in school matters, and cannot possibly supply the places of those whom they are expected to succeed.

We trust the voters of the Fifteenth Ward will take good care that so serious an injury as the schools would sustain in the defeat of the present able and experienced officers, is not inflicted through their neglect.

The Missouri Execution.

We are not surprised to find our foreign exchanges unanimous in their execrations of the act of Gen. MCNEIL, of Missouri, in shooting ten rebel prisoners, in alleged retaliation for the disappearance of one Union man when the rebels took possession of the town of Palmyra. The Times, the Herald, the Post and other open and avowed advocates of the rebel cause, denounce the act with all the venom which their hatred of the Union cause naturally engenders. But the censures of the Star and other friendly journals are all the more weighty, because less unmeasured in their language and prompted by a real zeal for the honor of the American name. The Star, while it "will not admit even a momentary supposition that the Federal Government can lose an instant in washing its hands of the stain of this bloody business," declares that "if sanctioned or even tolerated, it will justly call down upon its abettors the reprobation of the civilized world."

The Star will be glad to learn that MCNEIL, the actor in this horrid tragedy, is not an officer of the National army, nor has he any connection with the Government of the United States. He belongs to the "Home Guard" of the State of Missouri, an organization which exists solely under State authority, for local defence against lawless marauders in the rebel service, and is outside the control of the National Government. The whole transaction had no legitimate connection with the war between the United States and the rebel Confederacy. It was an affair between lawless, unrecognized and unauthorized parties on both sides. The rebel POWERS, who commanded the force suspected of having murdered ALLEMAN, was chief of a guerrilla band, and MCNEIL commanded a body of men very similar in its organization and in the objects it was intended to accomplish.

It suits the purposes of our foreign enemies to represent this transaction as the first instance of such lawless butchery during the war, and to throw the entire odium which justly attaches to so flagrant a disregard of the ordinary dictates of Christian civilization, upon the Union cause. But it is perfectly notorious that throughout the rebel States for months past, men have been hung without even the formalities of military execution, for no crime whatever, but simply for adhering to the Union cause. In Tennessee, in Arkansas and in Texas we have authentic reports of hundreds of such cases, and scores of refugees are now in the Northern States who have been guilty of no other offence, and who have saved their lives only by flying from their own States, and by leaving their wives, their children, their property, and everything dear to them, to such protection as the rebel authorities may give them. None of these atrocities attract the slightest attention or comment from the foreign secession Press, and yet they are precisely the same in character, though with even less show of justification than, this solitary instance of a similar outrage on the Union side.

All these circumstances, weighty as they ought to be against the comments of our foreign enemies, do not affect in the least the essential character of the transaction. There can be no possible justification for such a butchery; and our Government owes it to itself, to the country and to the sentiment of the civilized world, to mark, by some prompt and distinct action, its reprobation of it. Whether it has any such jurisdiction over Gen. MCNEIL, or quasi military organization with which he is connected, as will enable it to punish as it deserves this most barbarous and inhuman act, we cannot say. But whatever power it has in the case, direct or indirect, should be promptly exercised, not only to prevent the threatened retaliation of the rebel President, but to remove from the Union cause the damning stigma which such acts are calculated to impress upon it.

We reprint in another column the report of the execution of the ten rebel prisoners, which is copied by the English press from the Palmyra Courier, together with a portion of the comments of the London Star. What the English supporters of the rebellion have to say of the matter is of little consequence, but the Star's opinion is entitled to weight because it is that of a staunch and energetic friend of the Union cause.

GRANT'S ARMY MOVING—WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST.—The news from the Southwest is inspiring. Gen. SHERMAN, at Memphis, has got ready to cooperate with Gen. GRANT in a movement against the rebel armies in Mississippi, and both Generals have struck tents and are moving their forces southward. A short time since, in speaking of Gen. GRANT'S occupation of Grand Junction and Lagrange, which

was mistakenly supposed to be the beginning of his advance into Mississippi, we declared such advance impracticable, or any movement against the rebels in Northern Mississippi that did not have Memphis for its base. The accounts we now have show that the conditions of a successful campaign are complied with. Gen. SHERMAN, with an army heavily reinforced from the Northwestern States, is moving from Memphis in a direction to form a junction with Gen. GRANT at some point in Northern Mississippi; and the two armies when united will march on, conquering and to conquer, we must believe, till every rebel force in the Southwest is broken and the Mississippi Valley permanently delivered from the rebellion. The immediate effect of the destruction of the rebel armies in Mississippi, or their expulsion, will be to give the Union forces complete control of the Mississippi River in its entire course. This must quickly be followed by the unconditional submission of Arkansas, West Louisiana and Texas to the Union.

The entire force that Gen. GRANT will have when SHERMAN'S army is added to his command we cannot state, but it will be enough for the work in hand. Already the advancing columns begin to touch each other, the communication between them being kept open by daily scouting that extends from Memphis to Pittsburgh Landing. The front of the army thus covers the entire northern line of the State of Mississippi. As the mass descends it will become narrower and more compact; and when concentrated for an attack on Grenada or Jackson, it will hardly number less than 100,000 bayonets. It is impossible, we think, that the rebels can muster at most over 50,000 men, conscripts included, to oppose this army. The accomplishment of the result we have indicated, as the fruit of this campaign—the reclamation of the whole Valley of the Mississippi to the Union—seems to be merely a question of time for the march of the army, now on foot Southward bound, to the point of rebel concentration. Will not "sixty days" suffice?

THE ELECTION TO-MORROW.—We trust that no Republican will refrain from doing every thing in his power to secure the election of Republican candidates to-morrow, by the apparently slight prospect of success which the November result would warrant. A Democratic majority of 30,000, in the ordinary course of things, is not easily overcome, and every one must concede, that under ordinary circumstances, the chances are against it.

But the circumstances in the present case are somewhat peculiar. The election is in no sense political—it is mainly financial, and ought to be decided with exclusive reference to the pecuniary interests of our citizens. The principal officer to be chosen is the City Comptroller, who has but little patronage, but upon whose ability, integrity and financial experience depends, in very large degree, the success of our City Government. ROSSER T. HAWES has given the most indisputable proofs of his preeminent fitness for the place. He has administered the affairs of the office with acknowledged ability and success; and there is not an intelligent business man in the City, Democrat or Republican, who will hesitate for one moment to concede his superior qualifications for the place, as compared with those of the Democratic nominee.

The Republican candidate for Corporation Counsel, A. W. BRADFORD, Esq., enjoys an equally high reputation, as a man of personal character and of professional skill. The School Officers to be elected should in every case be chosen with reference to their special fitness for the particular duties they are to perform, rather than from any political or partisan considerations whatever.

THE HIGH PRICE OF PAPER AND ITS CAUSE.—It is undoubtedly true that the high price of paper of all kinds is due primarily to a scarcity of the material out of which it is made. Cotton, which enters largely into the manufacture of paper, has been almost entirely cut off from the markets of the world; and the war has also excluded the large quantity of rope and other articles which were formerly supplied from the Southern States for the manufacture of paper. When the war first broke out, the demand for books fell off largely everywhere, and the Southern market for paper of all kinds was suddenly closed. This caused an immediate fall in price, and paper was never before so cheap as during the first year after the war began. The low price, however, caused very many of the mills to stop, and checked the production in every quarter. When the stock on hand was exhausted, and the absence of the raw material for its further manufacture began to be felt, the inevitable result was a rapid and very considerable increase in price.

It ought to be known, however, that this natural tendency was very greatly aided by a combination of the leading paper makers of the country, who have seized upon the opportunity to crush out small dealers and to enrich themselves at the expense of the public. These men are now actively engaged in perfecting this combination, for the purpose of forcing prices to a still higher point than they have yet reached. They met in this City in September, and organized "The Paper-Makers' Association of the United States," which is governed by a number of officers, nine of whom constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Five of these persons, being a majority, therefore, have the right to dictate rules for the government of all the paper-makers of the United States who shall become members of the Association; and they hope to make their machinery strong enough to crush out all who refuse to join them. They claim the right to fix the prices of all kinds of paper, to regulate the time of working of the various paper-mills, and generally to control the business of making and selling paper, without regard to the laws of supply and demand by which business of all kinds is usually governed. And they have a special Standing Committee of seven, whose duty it is to carry into effect all

ARMY OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA.

Late and Important Information from the Rebels.

Statements of a Texas Captain and a Clerk in the Rebel Quartermaster's Department.

The Rebel Army at Fredericksburg from 75,000 to 100,000 Men.

LEE AND HIS COADJUTORS PUZZLED

Belief that the Attack on Richmond is to be Made in Some Other Direction.

The Main Rebel Army Again Falling Back for its Defence.

We have a special dispatch from Falmouth containing very late information from the rebel army, procured as follows:

On Friday night about 12 o'clock, while Capt. Bryan McCosken, of the Twentieth Michigan Infantry, was on duty with two hundred men on the Washington Farm (the old Homestead of the Washington family, about two miles east of Falmouth, where George cut the famous Cherry tree), two rebel officers crossed the river in a skiff and delivered up themselves and arms, asking the protection of the Stars and Stripes. They were well dressed and intelligent gentlemen; one a captain in a Texas regiment and the other a clerk in the Quartermaster's Department in Richmond.

They left Richmond nearly three weeks ago and have since remained sequestered by an Irishman in Fredericksburg, only venturing about by night.

The information which these officers impart is valuable, and contains matter confirmatory of and additional to that contained in our yesterday's dispatch. They agree that the rebel force at Fredericksburg numbers from 75,000 to 100,000 men, and certainly has not exceeded the latter figure, and that, though offering for want of clothing and many kinds of supplies, they are still apparently hopeful of final success. For once, however, Gen. Lee and his associates are puzzled over the movements of our army, which they do not seem fully to comprehend, and have finally concluded the advance upon Fredericksburg to be a feint, designed to amuse them, while the main attack upon Richmond is to come from another quarter. Upon this theory, they now believe our force in front of Fredericksburg is really to be small, and that immense hosts are being embarked at Baltimore, and conveyed in transports up James River. Acting upon this idea, they have commenced erecting earthworks for the protection of a garrison force, while the main body of their army has again commenced moving toward Richmond.

In addition to these facts of great present interest, the Quartermaster's Clerk states, from his own knowledge, that the entire rebel army has never exceeded 475,000 men, and this was the largest number for which clothing and rations were ever required. These officers were in Fredericksburg when the recent National cavalry dash was made, and state, that with a hundred more men we might have held the city until the arrival of more force. They mention the case of one of our men who fought with desperate valor and contended single-handed with five rebels, and wounded them all before being killed. His dead body was instantly stripped of clothing and subjected to most barbarous indignities—the men kicking it in their rage, and the females—unworthy the name of women—splitting upon it as they passed by. Finally, one woman, less human than the rest, came out of a house and covered it with a quilt. Even Indian savages respect courage in an enemy; but it has been reserved for Southern rebels to surpass to barbarism a race proverbial for cruelty in war.

LATEST REPORTS FROM HEADQUARTERS.

HEADQUARTERS, Monday, Dec. 1.
The cannonading mentioned in yesterday's dispatch was by one of the enemy's right wing batteries. Their object is unknown at headquarters.

The following general order in relation to passes was issued to-day:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
Camp near Falmouth, Va., Nov. 27.
GENERAL ORDERS NO. 167.—First.—None but persons engaged in the public service will be passed over the railroads or bridges or by steamboats toward Fredericksburg without special authority from these headquarters, or from the headquarters of command of grand divisions.

Second.—Persons connected with the railroad service will obtain their passes on application to the Superintendent of Railroads.

Third.—Persons connected with the military service on presenting to the Provost-Marshal General proper orders from these headquarters, or from the headquarters of grand divisions, will be passed to and from Aquia Creek, Alexandria or Washington.

Fourth.—The Provost-Marshal at Washington, Alexandria and Aquia Creek, will give passes on presentation of orders from the heads of Departments, from the Bureau of the War Department, from the commanders of Grand Divisions and from the Military Governor of the District of Columbia.

Fifth.—The Commanders of Grand Divisions will grant permits to newsmen to sell papers to their commands, under such regulations as they may deem fit to enforce, and no other newsmen will be allowed within their lines, except by permission of the Provost-Marshal-General at these headquarters.

Sixth.—All packages marked with the names of officers and soldiers serving in the army will be received by the Provost-Marshal at the places of arrival and turned over to the Provost-Marshal of Grand Divisions, who will deliver them to the proper officers, and then sign declarations that the packages contain private property for their individual use. The Pro-

vest-Marshal of Grand Divisions will send daily to the depot for such articles for officers or soldiers belonging to their respective commands. All packages belonging to officers at these headquarters will be forwarded direct to the Provost-Marshal-General. By command of Major-Gen. BURNSIDE.
Lewis Richmond, A. G.

THE ELEVENTH ARMY CORPS.

The Recent Brilliant Operations of Gen. Stahl-Ges. Sigel's Report—Jackson at Newmarket on Wednesday last.

CHANTILLY, Va., Sunday, Nov. 29—7 P. M.
Brig-Gen. BRANT has just returned. He attacked the enemy at Suleker's Ferry, and followed them with 300 cavalry into the camp on the other side of the river, and near Perryville. Our men charged splendidly whenever they met the enemy. Warren's Cavalry was driven in all directions, nearly all their officers captured, and their colors taken. Warren himself fled, and hid himself at a house in Parryville.

The Third, Seventh and Twelfth Virginia Cavalry were also attacked and routed. Forty of their men, with horses, were taken prisoners, fifty killed and wounded, and two colors taken.

One wagon-load of pistols and carbines was picked up on the road, thrown away by the flying enemy. Eighty cattle and eighty horses were also brought in. Our loss in killed and wounded was about fifteen.

Gen. STANT reports that his officers and men behaved excellently, and used only their swords—no firearms. He also reports that there is a brigade, under Gen. JONES, at Winchester, but that Jackson's main force was at Newmarket last Wednesday, as reported previously.

Signed,
F. SIGEL, Major-Gen. Commanding.

A RECONNOISSANCE TO WARRENTON.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 1.
The following dispatch has just been received from your Special Correspondent, dated Fairfax Court House, Dec. 1:

A dispatch was received this evening from Capt. J. B. CONNER, at Centerville, stating that he had just returned from Warrenton, where he had been with a small force on a scout, and had driven out a few rebels, capturing a number of the Black Horse Cavalry, nine horses and a wagon. Also, an "intelligent contraband" from Gordonsville direct.

LETTER FROM FALMOUTH.

Falmouth, Va., Opposite FARMERSBURGH,
Saturday Evening, Nov. 29, 1862.

The camp has been full of rumors to-day, to the effect that an armistice of thirty days is to take place, that Gen. Lee had accompanied Gen. BURNSIDE to Washington, who left for that city last evening, &c., &c. Of course there is no truth in these flying reports, though many of the soldiers vainly would believe them.

The cavalry force captured by the enemy on Thursday evening in the vicinity of Heartwood Church, consisted of the first and third squadrons of the Third Pennsylvania, Companies C, G, F and M. Some twenty effected their escape.

There were five commissioned officers taken—Capt. JOHNSON and HESS, and Lieut. WARREN, HILL, and EMBELER. An investigation will probably be made into the affair.

It is rumored to-night that some three hundred infantry, belonging to the Twelfth and Seventeenth New-York Regiments, were also surprised and captured, last evening, a few miles above here, on the Rappahannock.

About dusk, this evening, the enemy commenced throwing up new earthworks to the left of Fredericksburg. From five to eight hundred men could be distinctly seen from our signal station, busily employed upon them. To-morrow morning will reveal another line of formidable intrenchments.

During the past week their old line of works have apparently been abandoned for a new one about one thousand yards in the rear. They have now altogether about 25 redoubts, also works and rifle-pits commanding every road leading out of Fredericksburg.

A new battery of four brass howitzers were planted last night at the right of the village. They have several 13-inch guns, and some of still heavier calibre. It is a general impression that several siege guns have also been sent up on the railroad from Richmond.

Meantime our own forces are not entirely idle. Capt. BENJAMIN rode out this afternoon for the purpose of selecting a new position for his battery, and to-night Gen. WILCOX and COCKE have sent out two parties, consisting of about twelve or fifteen hundred men, to throw up some important works a short distance below here, on the left bank of the Rappahannock. As the men came forward with their implements, the General requested them "to work lively and briskly, and bear the toll as best they could, for it was necessary to have the work done to-night."

Inspired by a common patriotism and love for their General, they sprang eagerly forward, and are now hard at work. Few officers in the service have so thoroughly won the affection and confidence of their men as Gen. WILCOX. Indeed, no one knows the man but to love him. His headquarters have recently been removed from the Lacey House to a delightful grove about a mile in the rear of that mansion.

This afternoon, a locomotive came up to within a mile of Fredericksburg, but immediately put back for fear of being shelled.

All statements to the effect that the enemy are abandoning their position on the opposite shore, are simply absurd. They are, on the contrary, harder at work than ever in fortifying and strengthening them. Gen. LEE, to my certain knowledge, is behind them. Gen. HILL, also—whether A. P. or D. H. I cannot ascertain. The weather has been very fine to-day. Gen. HILL is expected to return from Washington immediately.

LETTER FROM AQUA CREEK.

A Despatch from the Virginia Cavalry—His Story—The Rebels intend to Fight on the Rappahannock—Stragglers—The Railroad, &c.

AQUA CREEK, Monday, Dec. 1, 1862.
A despatch from the Virginia Cavalry has reached this place, having succeeded in avoiding the enemy's pickets and fording the Rappahannock

River. He crossed the river in the vicinity of Fredericksburg. A comrade accompanied him, but on reaching the middle of the stream his heart failed him and he turned back. The water grew deeper and deeper, until above his waist, but he kept on, "determined to reach our lines or die in the attempt." The eastern shore of the river was regained in safety, and for the first time in months he breathed free. A Unionist at heart, forced into the rebel service, half clothed, half fed, he certainly has just occasion to be thoroughly disgusted with everything pertaining to rebellion. His statements concerning the enemy were made in a frank, simple manner, and are worthy of belief.

The rebel leaders, he represents, intend to fight us on the Rappahannock, disputing every inch of our advance to their capital. LEE and LOWMEYER are both in the vicinity of Fredericksburg. JACKSON arrived at the commencement of the week, with the entire command, estimated at about forty thousand men. He belonged to Stonewall's corps of the army. Nearly all of the men are in a bad condition as regards health, lighted, poorly fed and sick of the war. It is his opinion that a large majority of the privates would vote for a cessation of hostilities were an opportunity afforded them to do so. When he was drafted, his father told him "never to shoot a Union soldier, but always aim clean of them." He has always lived up to the injunction. A passer the North has been furnished him, where he goes to seek employment.

Numbers of stragglers scattered through the woods are committing all manner of depredations in this vicinity. They make no distinction between Union and Rebel sympathizers, but rob and plunder indistinctly. Some most stringent measures should be adopted for putting an end to this alarming evil of "straggling." Perhaps no more feasible plan could be proposed than that followed by Gen. ROSSMAN, viz., furnishing the officers when taken with night caps and parading them up and down in front of their comrades. Where a few of the culprits be shot the effect would doubtless be most wholesome on their straggling proclivities.

Trains are now running regularly from this point to Falmouth, conveying an immense quantity of supplies. Preparations are being made for constructing several hospitals in this vicinity, and yesterday a large number of stragglers arrived from Washington, all of which looks like work. If a battle does occur near Fredericksburg, the wounded will most of them be cared for in the large rooming mansions, of which there are so many in this city. In case of a reverse, they could easily be conveyed to this point by rail, and thence by steamer to the large and commodious hospitals at Washington.

There are a large number of sailing craft moored at the wharf, or at anchor in the stream, which ply back and forth to Washington and other points. The country for miles around here presents a scene of utter desolation. In former years it was a tobacco-raising section, but the soil becoming exhausted, was abandoned, and stunted pines and underbrush of every kind has sprung up.

AQUA CREEK, Saturday, Nov. 29, 1862.

All is bustle and activity here. The *Nelly Baker* makes her trips regularly, bringing a large number of officers returning to their commands, and large amounts of supplies.

Yesterday the bridge over the Potomac Creek was completed, and a train passed through for the first time to Falmouth.

A member of Col. McLEON MERRITT'S Engineer Corps, who came in on the boat yesterday, accidentally discovered on the floor of the cabin an envelope directed to him from a friend across the water. Where had it come from? Who had robbed the mail? A simple circumstance in itself, but the idea of one bold robbery of our mails. How many letters are thus daily abstracted from the mails?

Some twenty privates, belonging to a New-York regiment, are confined in the grand-house here for breaking into the house of a railroad man last night whom they mistook for a rebel. Not content with sacking the house once, they returned again this morning, and were bearing off their booty, when the owner overtook them and found some article of his clothing apparel on every one of the scoundrels. Some rigorous measures should be adopted to put an end to the wholesale robbery which is carried on by stragglers.

The batch of prisoners who were taken in this vicinity day before yesterday and confined here have been forwarded to more safe quarters.

The weather is very pleasant to-day, and the roads are drying up rapidly. Accounts from the front resent everything as quiet.

LETTER FROM BURK'S STATION.

BURK'S STATION, FIVE MILES FROM THE POTOMAC,
Friday, Nov. 28, 1862.

As yet there is no movement from this point. Last night a heavy train of supplies arrived from Aquia Creek. The sight of the train caused a shout among the boys, who think at least they have been rather short of rations during the last few days. A train passed here for the first time, to-day, for Falmouth. Now that supplies can be obtained with ease further to the front, our forces here will doubtless move forward.

Yesterday I witnessed the most affecting funeral exercises I have yet seen in the army. The long procession of mourners and solemnity of the exercises contrasted strongly with the hurry and business-like style with which the poor soldiers are carried to their long home. The coffin contained the remains of JOHN HARRIS COVE, Twenty-fourth Michigan.

The telegraph wires which were cut in several places day before yesterday have been repaired.

Personal.

—We understand that a paragraph in the TIMES of Friday, stating that Rev. Mr. WELLS, of Louisville, Ky., is lecturing at Toronto for the benefit of the families of Confederate soldiers killed in battle, does great injustice to that gentleman. Residing at Toronto, he is delivering a series of discourses, purely religious in their character, on Sunday evenings, and without remuneration of any kind or in any form whatever.

SALE OF STATUARY.—Our advertising columns contain a notice of a sale of Italian marble statuary to be made at auction on Wednesday, by HAYES WOOD & CO., at their salesroom No. 450 Broadway. The collection was imported by Messrs. VINT BARNES, of Philadelphia, and embraces twenty works, nearly every one of which is of more than ordinary merit. We commend the notice to connoisseurs. The opportunity of making desirable purchases is such a one as rarely occurs.

Messrs. H. H. LEEDS & CO. have now in their gallery on exhibition, and for sale on Thursday next, the second portion of Mr. J. P. BARNUM'S collection of pictures, containing interesting specimens by Louis Meyer, Tesson, Favelet, Verboeckhoven, Theodore Frere, Henriette Ronner, and other European celebrities; also, by Church, Cropsey and Rothermel, of the American school.

PICTURE SALE.—At BRADDOCK'S, No. 765 Broadway, Mr. RICHARD M. STATION, one of our best known and most worthy artists, offers at auction a collection of choice sketches, studies and pictures. The sale opens to-morrow night at 7½ o'clock.

IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

THE MEETING OF CONGRESS.

Reception and Reading of the President's Message.

Resolutions of Inquiry Regarding Arbitrary Arrests.

The Responsibility for the Delay in the Movements of the Army.

RUMORS OF THE DISMISSAL OF GEN. MEOGS.

The Court-Martial in the Case of Gen. Porter.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 1.
THE FAILURE AT FALMOUTH.

It is no longer a question that the Army of the Potomac owes its failure to cross the Rappahannock promptly, on its arrival, to innumerable delays in the furnishing of pontoon bridges and means of transportation. From this cause, the most magnificent military movement of the war, and one which, if promptly executed, could scarcely fail of success, has been ruined to its first step; and the army on which, more than any other, depends the hope of the nation, again placed in a critical position, necessitating an entire change in the programme for its operations. Once in possession of Fredericksburg, and beyond the river, the army would have found a sandy country whose roads are rather improved than injured by the rain; and no one doubts that a continuation of their first rapidly at movement would have practically taken the enemy by surprise, and enabled them to enter Richmond beyond the power of the rebels to prevent.

RUMORED REMOVAL OF GEN. MEOGS.

The rumors in regard to Gen. Meigs' removal are numerous and positive on both sides; his opponents affirming the certainty of his displacement, and he asserting the idea with characteristic positiveness. It is probably untrue that Gen. BURNSIDE demanded the removal of Gen. Meigs, though known to be greatly increased at the delinquencies in his Department, and laying the fault directly at his door.

RUMORED ARREST.

Gen. WOODBURY is said to have been placed under arrest by order of the Secretary of War, on account of negligence in forwarding the pontoon bridges for the use of the Army of the Potomac in the late movement.

ABSENTEES FROM THE ARMY.

It is stated on good authority that not less than six hundred and eighty thousand of the soldiers whose names now fill the muster-rolls are absent, with or without leave. To talk about discipline and organization in the face of facts like this is nonsense sublimated to the utmost attainable limit.

The President, too, is reported as having lately made the remark that the army is less in numbers to-day than when the last levy was made for three hundred thousand men.

THE PORTER COURT-MARTIAL.

The Court-martial to try Geo. FRAZER PORTER met this morning, when charges and specifications were formally presented. They will probably be read in open Court to-morrow. These charges relate entirely to operations connected with the late battle of Bull Run. The defence asked until Thursday to consider them, but the request will probably not be granted. General KIM not having yet arrived, the Court has asked leave to proceed without him. It is understood that the investigation will be open to the public.

Gen. HUNTER has asked to be relieved from duty on the Court, and to be permitted to proceed to his Department. His request will probably be granted.

Gen. FORBES arrived this morning, to testify in the case of First John FORBES. There is comment on the circumstance that both Generals sat opposite at breakfast, each totally unconscious of the other's presence.

COL. COLBURN.

Col. COLBURN, to-day, received orders to report to Gen. CURTIS as Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of Missouri.

GEN. WANSWORTH.

Gen. WANSWORTH will return on Thursday, and is expected to be assigned to duty in the field, in accordance with his own wishes.

MILITARY GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA.

Hon. ELI TRAYNER is expected to-morrow to receive his appointment as Military Governor of Florida, and will probably be directed immediately to commence operations in the colonization plan for repopulating that State with loyal white inhabitants.

MAJ. McNEIL'S BODY.

The corpse of Maj. McNEIL, of Massena's Brigade, who died on Saturday at Georgetown, was escorted to the care to-day, on the way to Boston.

GEN. HARTWIG.

Gen. HARTWIG is here, but still suffering severely from his wounds.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 1.

The Senate met at 12 o'clock. Vice-President HAMILTON was absent. The Senate was called to order by the President pro tem, Senator FORT. All the Senators were present except the following: Messrs. Bayard, Doolittle, Hale, Kennedy, Pearce, Wilmot and Wilson.

The Senate opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. SUNDEN.

"Almighty and Everlasting God, who art in Heaven, while we, Thy creatures, are upon earth, we come to

Thee in our prayers to be directed aright, this day, before Thee. We thank Thee that Thy servants are met again in the Capitol undisturbed. We thank Thee that Thou hast graciously preserved them during the period of their separation, and hast brought them together in the high convocation of the Nation to deliberate upon the affairs of a people greatly afflicted, but as yet not wholly destroyed; and while we remember with the deepest reverence and humiliation that it has not pleased Thee to fully answer all our former supplications from this place, we yet implore Thy blessing upon the Congress now convened together in their coming councils and labors. May they stand in more than Jewish reverence, and in more than Roman virtue before the people. Remove far away from the body and members of the American Senate all levity of mind and of manners; all profanity and vulgarity of speech; and all unworthy motives and desires to give to them influence over the people in their high avocation as Conscript Fathers and Elders of the Republic. We rejoice that the machination of foreign intervention have been thus far postponed and defeated. We rejoice in that proclamation which we have begun to believe to inspire some salutary fear in the rebels of the South, as well as to outreach the false and lying prophecies of the North. We rejoice in that terrible fiery furnace through which we are passing to test the true spirit of the people, and the real sentiments of those who have so long and so loudly cried out for the extinction of human bondage. We pray that Thou wilt continue to uncover on the one hand the cruelties of mankind's oppressors and on the other the iniquity of their philanthropy, and when our wounds and our wretchedness shall have been fully probed, we pray, gracious God, for Thy cleansing, and healing, and sanctifying power, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Mr. TEN ETES, of New-Jersey, (Rep.), presented the credentials of RICHARD S. FIELDS, United States Senator from New-Jersey, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of JOHN S. THOMPSON.

Mr. NATHAN, of Oregon, (Dem.), presented the credentials of BENJAMIN F. HARRIS, elected United States Senator from the State of Oregon.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island, (Rep.), presented the credentials of SAMUEL GREEN ANTHONY, appointed Senator from Rhode Island in place of JAS. F. SPOONER, resigned.

The above Senators appeared and took the usual oath.

On motion of Mr. COLLAMAS, of Vermont, (Rep.), a Committee of three was appointed to confer with the House and inform the President that Congress was ready to receive any communication.

Messrs. COLLAMAS, GREEN and SAMPSON were appointed on the Committee.

On motion of Mr. BAYWING, of Illinois, (Rep.), it was ordered that the hour of daily meeting be 12 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. ANTHONY, the Senate took a recess until 1 o'clock.

After recess, Mr. COLLAMAS, of Vermont, (Rep.), said the Committee had waited on the President, and the Message would be immediately communicated.

The Message of the President was received and read by the Secretary.

After the reading of the Message, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 1.

The proceedings of the House opened with a prayer from Chaplain SPOONER, during which he returned thanks for the brightening prospects of the liberty of the slave—for our emancipation from a system which he said had involved us in so much sin, sorrow and shame, and for renewed union, and greater power, and greater love, and greater joy forever.

At the conclusion of the prayer the roll of members was called by States.

A quorum answered to their names.

A message was received from the Senate that a quorum of that body had assembled, and were ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. WASHBURN, of Maine, (Rep.), a similar message was sent to the Senate, and, at his (WASHINGTON'S) instance, a committee was appointed to act in conjunction with a similar one of the Senate to wait upon the President, and inform him both Houses were ready to receive any communication he (President LINCOLN) might have to make.

Mr. ROBERT CORLISS, of New-York, (Rep.), offered a resolution which was adopted, instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire and report the cheapest, most expeditious, and reliable mode of placog vessels of war on Lake Ontario, when the exigency may arise of establishing water communication from other waters to the Lakes, and that the Committee report which of the various plans suggested will be most reliable together with the time and cost of the work.

Mr. VALLANDIGHAM, of Ohio, (Dem.), offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire, and report to the House of Representatives at an early day, by what authority of the Constitution or the laws of any State, any Federal General undertakes to decide what newspapers may, and what newspapers shall not, be transmitted through the mails of the United States.

Mr. COX, of Ohio, (Dem.), offered the following:

Resolved, Many citizens of the United States have been seized by persons acting or pretending to be acting under the authority of the United States, and have been carried out of the jurisdiction of the States of their residence and imprisoned in the military prisons and camps of the U. S., without any public charge being preferred against them and without any opportunity being allowed them to learn of their charges made, or alleged to be made against them, and to prepare their defence, or to be heard by a competent tribunal, and to be permitted to proceed to his Department. His request will probably be granted.

Whereas, It is the sacred right of every citizen of the United States to be held to no other law than the liberty without "due process of law," and when arrested, shall have a "speedy and public trial by an impartial jury."

Resolved, That the House of Representatives do hereby condemn all such arrests and practices as unauthorized by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, as a usurpation of power, never given up by the people to their rulers, and do hereby demand that all such arrests shall hereafter cease, and that all persons so arrested, and yet held, shall have a prompt and public trial, according to the provisions of the Constitution and the Laws of the United States.

On motion of Mr. COLLAMAS, of Indiana, (Rep.), the preamble and resolution were laid on the table by a vote of eighty against forty.

Mr. RICHARDSON, of Illinois, (Dem.), offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the House of Representatives what citizens of Illinois are now confined in Fort Warren, in Fort Lafayette, in the Fort of Delaware, in the Old Capitol Prison, and in any forts or places of confinement; upon what charges such citizens were arrested, and that the President also inform the House of Representatives the names of the persons arrested in the State of Illinois and confined in prisons outside of the limits of said State, what the charges are against them, by what authority the charges are made, and by whose order all such arrests were made.

Mr. OWEN LOVETT, of Illinois, (Rep.), moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The motion was adopted, by yeas, 74, and nays, 40.

After some comparatively unimportant business was then transacted, the House took a recess for fifteen minutes, to await the message of President LINCOLN.

When the House reassembled, the Message of the President was submitted.

(The Message will be found in full elsewhere.)

Mr. WANSWORTH, of Illinois, (Rep.), on the Committee appointed to wait upon the President, reported that they had performed that duty, and the President would forthwith communicate in writing.

Private Secretary NICHOLAS then appeared and delivered the Message, which having been read, Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, (Rep.), moved that it, together with the accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, and printed.

Mr. VALLANDIGHAM desired to say a few words, but was prevented by the prevalence of the previous question, upon the operation of which the motion was agreed to. Adjourned.

The following new members took their seats in the

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

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persons of that class to their respective jurisdictions, upon conditions which shall be equal, just and humane. Liberia and Hayti, at yet, the only countries to which colonies of African descent from here could go with certainty of being received and adopted as citizens, and I regret to say that such persons contemplating colonization do not seem so willing to emigrate to these countries as to some others, nor as willing, as I think, their interests demand. I believe, however, that among them in this respect is improving, and that ere long there will be an augmented and considerable emigration to both those countries from the United States. The new commercial treaty between the United States and the Sultan of Turkey has been carried into execution. A commercial and consular treaty has been negotiated, subject to the Senate's consent, with Liberia, and a similar negotiation is now pending with the Republic of Hayti. A considerable improvement of the national commerce is expected from these measures. Our relations with Great Britain, France, Spain, Portugal, Russia, Prussia, Denmark, Sweden and Austria, the Netherlands, Italy, Rome and the other European States remain undisturbed. Very favorable relations continue to be maintained with Turkey, Morocco, China and Japan. During the last year there has not only been no change of our previous relations with the Independent States of our own continent, but more friendly sentiments than have heretofore existed, are believed to be entertained by these neighbors, whose safety and progress are so intimately connected with our own. This statement especially applies to Mexico, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Peru and Chili. The Commission under the Convention with the Republic of New-Granada closed its session without having audited and passed upon all the claims which were submitted to it. A proposition is pending to revise the Convention, that it may be able to do more complete justice. The Commission between the United States and the Republic of Costa Rica has completed its labors, and submitted its report. I have favored the project for connecting the United States with Europe by an Atlantic telegraph, and a similar project to extend the telegraph from San Francisco to connect by a Pacific telegraph with the wire which is being extended across the Russian Empire.

The territories of the United States, with unimportant exceptions, have remained undisturbed by the civil war, and they are exhibiting such evidence of prosperity as justifies our expectation that some of them will soon be in a condition to be organized as States, and be constitutionally admitted into the Federal Union. The immense mineral resources of some of these territories ought to be developed as rapidly as possible. Every step in that direction would have a tendency to improve the revenues of the Government and diminish the burdens of the people. It is worthy of your serious consideration whether some extraordinary measures to promote that end cannot be adopted. The means which suggest itself as most likely to be effective is a scientific exploration of the mineral regions in these territories, with a view to the publication of its results at home and in foreign countries, results which cannot fail to be auspicious. The condition of the finances will claim your most diligent consideration. The vast expenditures incident to the military and naval operations required for the suppression of the rebellion, have hitherto been met with a promptitude and certainty unusual in similar circumstances, and the public credit has been fully maintained. The continuance of the war, however, and the increased disbursements made necessary by the augmented forces now in the field, demand your best reflections, as to the best mode of providing the necessary revenue without injury to business, and with the least possible burdens upon labor. The suspension of specie payments by the banks, soon after the commencement of your last session, made large issues of United States notes unavoidable. In no other way could the payment of the troops and the satisfaction of other just demands be so economically or as well provided for. The judicious legislation of Congress securing the responsibility of these notes for loans and internal duties, and making them a "legal tender" for other debts, has made them universal currency, and has satisfied, partially at least, and for the time the long-felt want of a uniform circulating medium, saving thereby to the people immense sums in its costs and exchanges. A return to specie payments, however, at the earliest period compatible with due regard to all interests should ever be kept in view. Fluctuations in the value of our currency are always injurious, and therefore these fluctuations to the lowest possible point will always be a leading purpose in legislation. Convertibility—prompt and certain, convertibility—into coin, is generally acknowledged to be the best and surest against them, and it is extremely doubtful whether a circulation of United States Notes, payable in coin, and sufficiently large for the wants of the people can be permanently, usefully and safely maintained. Is there, then, any other mode in which the necessary provision for the public wants can be made, and the great advantages of a safe and uniform currency secured? I know of none which promises so certain results, and at the same time so unobjectionable, as the organization of Banking Associations under a general act of Congress, well guarded in its provisions. To such associations the Government might furnish circulating notes on the security of United States Bonds deposited in the Treasury. These notes, prepared under the supervision of proper officers, being uniform in appearance and security, and convertible always into coin, would at once protect labor against the evils of a vicious currency, and facilitate commerce by cheap and safe exchanges. A moderate reservation from the interest on the bonds would compensate the United States for the preparation and distribution of the notes, and a general supervision of the system, and would lighten the burden of that part of the public debt employed as securities. The public credit, moreover, would be greatly improved, and the negotiations of new loans greatly facilitated by the steady market demand for Government bonds, which the adoption of the proposed system would create. It is an additional recommendation of the measure of considerable weight in my judgment, that it would reconcile, as far as possible, all existing interests by the opportunity offered to existing institutions to reorganize under the act, substituting only the secured currency, secured and unsecured, now issued by them. The receipts into the Treasury from such sources, including loans and balance from the preceding year, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1862, were \$683,885,247 00, of which \$450,697,397 62 were derived from Customs, \$296,391 73 from the direct tax, from public lands

\$125,300 77; from miscellaneous sources, \$681,207 44; from loans in all forms, \$2,000,000 00. The remaining \$2,000,000 00 was the balance from last year. The expenditures during the same period were, for Congressional, Executive and judicial purposes, \$1,500,000 00; for foreign intercourse, \$1,500,000 00; for miscellaneous expenses, including the militia, loans, post-office deficiencies, collection of revenue, and other like charges, \$1,125,771 66; for expenses under the Interior Department, \$3,108,965 52; under the War Department, \$394,368,407 36; under the Navy Department, \$42,674,560 69; for interest on the public debt, \$13,190,324 45, and for the payment on the public debt, including reimbursement of temporary loan and redemptions, \$96,096,922 09; making an aggregate of \$570,841,760 25, and leaving a balance in the Treasury on the last day of July, 1862, of \$13,043,596 81. It should be observed that the sum of \$96,096,922 09, expended for reimbursements and redemption of the public debt, being included also in the loans made, may be properly deducted both from the receipts and expenditures, leaving the actual receipts for the year \$487,768,324 97, and the expenditures \$474,744,788 16. Other information on the subject of the finances will be found in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, to whose statement and views I invite your most candid and considerate attention. The reports of the Secretaries of the Navy and War are herewith transmitted. These reports, though lengthy, are scarcely more than brief abstracts of the very numerous and extensive transactions and operations conducted through these Departments. Nor could I give a summary of them here upon any principle which would admit of its being much shorter, than the reports themselves. I therefore content myself with laying the reports before you, and asking your attention to them.

It gives me pleasure to report a decided improvement in the financial condition of the Post-office Department, as compared with several preceding years. The receipts for the fiscal year, 1861, amounted to \$8,349,296 40, which embraced the revenue from all the States of the Union for three quarters of that year. Notwithstanding the cessation of revenue from the so-called seceded States during the last fiscal year, the increase of the correspondence of the loyal States has been sufficient to produce a revenue during the same year of \$8,290,620 90, being only \$58,675 50 less than was derived from all the States of the Union during the previous year. The expenditures show a still more favorable result. The amount expended in 1861 was \$13,606,759 11. For the last year the amount has been reduced to \$11,125,364 13, showing a decrease of about \$2,481,395 in the expenditures, as compared with the preceding year; about \$3,750,000 as compared with the fiscal year 1860. The deficiency in the Department for the previous year was \$4,551,966 98. For the last fiscal year it was reduced to \$2,112,514 57. These favorable results are in part owing to the cessation of mail service in the insurrectionary States, and in part to a casual review of all expenditures by that Department, in the interest of economy. The efficiency of the Postal Service, it is believed, has also been much improved. The Postmaster-General also opened a correspondence through the Department of State with foreign Governments, proposing a Convention of Postal representatives, for the purpose of simplifying the rates of foreign postage, and to expedite the foreign mails. This proposition, equally important to our adopted citizens and to the commercial interests of this country, has been favorably entertained and agreed to by all the Governments from whom replies have been received. I ask the attention of Congress to the suggestions of the Postmaster-General in his report respecting the further legislation required in his opinion, for the benefit of the postal service.

The Secretary of the Interior reports as follows in regard to the public lands: "The public lands have ceased to be a source of revenue. From July, 1861, to March, 1862, the revenue from the sale of the public lands was \$1,747 20, a sum much less than the expense of the land office during the same period. The Revenue Law, which will take effect on the 1st of January next, will cause the land office to be a sink for the public funds, and it is not expected to be sufficient to meet the expenses of the land office, and the cost of surveying and bringing the land into market. The discrepancy between the sum here stated as arising from the sale of the public lands and the sum derived from the same source as reported from the Treasury Department, arises, as I have said, from the fact that the periods of time, though apparently, were not really coincident at the beginning of the Treasury Report including considerable sums, which had previously been reported from the Interior, sufficiently large to greatly overbalance the sum derived from the three months now reported upon by the Interior, and notably the Treasury.

The Indian titles of our frontiers have during the past year manifested a spirit of insubordination, and at several points have changed to open hostilities against the white settlements in their vicinity. The tribes occupying the Indian country south of Kansas, renounced their allegiance to the United States, and entered into treaties with the insurgents. Those who remained loyal to the States were driven from the country. The Chief of the Cherokee has visited this city for the purpose of restoring the former relations of the tribe with the United States. He alleges that they were constrained by superior force to enter into treaties with the insurgents, and that the United States neglected to furnish the protection which their treaty stipulations required. In the month of August last, the Sioux Indians in Minnesota attacked the settlements in their vicinity with extreme ferocity, killing indiscriminately men, women and children. This attack was wholly unexpected, and therefore no means of defence had been provided. It is estimated that not less than eight hundred persons were killed by the Indians, and a large amount of property was destroyed. How this outbreak was induced is not definitely known, and suspicious, which may be unjust, need not to be stated. Information was received by the Indian Bureau from different sources about the time hostilities were commenced, that a simultaneous attack was to be made upon the white settlements by all the tribes between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains. The State of Minnesota has suffered great injury from this Indian war. A large portion of her territory has been depopulated and a severe loss has been sustained by the destruction of property. The people of that State manifest much anxiety for the removal of the tribes beyond the limits of the State as a guarantee against future hostilities. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs will furnish you details. I submit for your special consideration whether our Indian system shall not be re-arranged. Many wise and good men have been impressed with the belief that this can be probably done.

I submit a statement of the proceedings of the Commissioners, which shows the progress that has been made in the enterprise of constructing the Pacific Railroad, and this suggests the earliest completion of the road, and also the favorable action of Congress upon the projects now pending before them for enlarging the capacities of the great canals in New-York and Illinois, as being of vital and rapidly increasing importance to the whole nation, and especially to the vast interior region hereafter to be noticed at some greater length. I propose having prepared and laid before you, at an early day, some interesting and valuable statistical information upon the subject. The military and commercial importance of enlarging the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and improving the Illinois River, is presented in the report of Col. WEBSTER to the Secretary of War, and now transmitted to Congress. I respectfully ask attention to it.

To carry out the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 10th of May last, I have caused the Department of Agriculture of the United States to be organized. The Commissioner informs me that within the period of a few months this Department has established an extensive system of correspondence and exchanges, both at home and abroad, which promises to effect highly beneficial results in the development of a correct knowledge of recent improvements in Agriculture, in the introduction of new products, and in the collection of the agricultural statistics of the different States; also, that it will soon be prepared to distribute largely, seeds, cereals, plants and cuttings, and has already published and liberally diffused much valuable information, in anticipation of a more elaborate report, which will in due time be furnished, embracing some valuable tests in chemical science, now in progress in the laboratory. The creation of this Department was for the more immediate benefit of a large class of our most valuable citizens, and I trust the liberal basis upon which it has been organized, will not only meet your approbation, but that it will realize at no distant day, all the fondest anticipations of its most sanguine friends, and become the fruitful source of advantage to all our people.

On the 22d day of September last, a proclamation was issued by the Executive, a copy of which is herewith submitted. In accordance with the purpose expressed in the second paragraph of that paper, I now respectfully recall your attention to what may be called "Compensated Emancipation." A nation may be said to consist of its territory, its people and its laws. The territory is the only part which is of certain durability. One generation passes away, and another generation cometh, but the Earth abideth forever! It is of the first importance to duty, to consider and estimate this ever-during part. That portion of the earth's surface which is owned and inhabited by the people of the United States is well adapted to be the home of one national family, and it is not well adapted for two or more. Its vast extent and its variety of climate and productions are of advantage in this age for one people, whatever their might have been in former ages. Steam and telegraphs, in consequence, have brought these to be an advantageous combination for one united people. In the inaugural Address I briefly pointed out the total inadequacy of disunion as a remedy to the differences between the people of the two sections. I did so in language which I cannot improve, and which, therefore, I beg to repeat: "One section of our country believes Slavery is right, and ought to be extended, while the other believes it is wrong, and ought to be limited. And this is the only substantial dispute. The fugitive Slave clause of the Constitution and the law for suppression of the African Slave-trade, are each as well enforced, perhaps, as any law can ever be in a community where the moral sense of the people imperfectly supports the law itself. The great body of the people abide by the dry legal obligation in both cases, and a lax backwash from both is there, caused to perfectly evade, and would be worse in both cases, after the separation of the sections, than before. The fugitive Slave-trade, now imperfectly suppressed, would be ultimately revived without restriction, and freedom, while fugitive slaves, now only partially unrecovered, would not be surrendered at all; the other, physically speaking, we cannot separate, and each effort to build an impassable wall between them. A husband and wife may be severed, and go out of the presence, and beyond the reach of each other, but the different parts of our country cannot do this. They cannot but remain face to face, and intercourse, either amicable or hostile, must continue between them. Is it possible, then, to make that intercourse more advantageous or more satisfactory after separation than before? Can aliens make treaties more friendly than those which our treaties are more faithfully enforced between, where than laws can among friends? Suppose you go to war—you cannot fight always, and when after much loss on both sides, and no gain on either, you cease fighting, the identical old questions as to terms of intercourse are again upon you."

There is no line, straight or crooked, suitable for a national boundary upon which to divide. Trace through from east to west upon the line between the free and slave country, and we shall find a little more than one-third of its length are rivers easy to be crossed, and populated, or soon to be populated, thickly upon both sides, while nearly all its remaining length are merely surveys over which people may walk back and forth without any consciousness of their presence. No part of this line can be made any more difficult to pass by writing it down on paper or parchment as a national boundary. The fact of separation, if it comes, given up on the part of the seceding section, the fugitive Slave clause, along with all other constitutional obligations upon the section seceded from, while I should expect no treaty stipulations would ever be made to take its place.

But there is another difficulty. The great interior region, bounded east by the Alleghanies, north by the British dominions, west by the Rocky Mountains, and south by the line along which the culture of corn and cotton meets, and which includes part of Virginia, part of Tennessee, all of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, and the Territories of Dakota, Nebraska, and part of Colorado, has above ten millions of people, and will have fifty millions within fifty years, if not prevented by any political folly or mistake. It contains more than one-third of the country owned by the United States, and contains more than one million of square miles, equal in size to Massachusetts already, but it would have more than seventy-five millions of people. A glance at the map shows that, territorially speaking, it is the great body of the Republic. The other parts are but marginal borders to it—the magnificent region sloping west

from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific, being the deepest and also the richest in undeveloped resources in the production of provisions, grains, grasses and all which proceed from them, this great interior region is naturally one of the most important in the world. Ascertain from the statistics the small proportion of the region which has as yet been brought into cultivation, and also the large and rapidly increasing amount of its products, and we shall be overwhelmed with the magnitude of the prospect presented; and yet this region has no coast—touches no ocean anywhere. As part of one nation its people now find, and may hereafter find, their way to Europe by New-York, to South America and Africa by New-Orleans, and to Asia by San Francisco. But separate our common country into two nations, as designed by the present rebellion, and every man of this great interior is thereby cut off from some one or more of these outlets, not perhaps by a physical barrier, but by embarrassing and onerous regulations. And this is true wherever a dividing or boundary line may be fixed. Place it between the now free and slave country, or place it south of Kentucky, or north of Ohio, and still the truth remains that none south of it can trade to any port or place north of it, except upon terms dictated by a government foreign to them. These outlets East, West and South are indispensable to the well-being of the people inhabiting and to inhibit this vast interior region. Which of the three may be the best is no proper question. All are better than either, and all of right belong to that people and to their successors, forever. True to themselves, they will not ask where a line of separation shall be, but will vow, rather, that there shall be no such line. Nor are the marginal regions less interested in these communications to and through them to the great outside world. They, too, and each of them, must have access to this Egypt of the West, without paying toll at the crossing of any national boundary. Our national strife springs not from our permanent part, not from the land we inhabit, not from our national homestead. There is no possible severing of this but would multiply, and not mitigate, evils among us. In all its adaptations and attributes it demands union, and abhors separation. In fact, it would, ere long, force reunion, however much of blood and treasure the separation might have cost. Our strife pertains to ourselves and to the passing generations of men, and it cannot without convulsion be hushed forever with the passing of one generation.

In this view, I recommend the adoption of the following resolution and articles amendatory to the Constitution of the United States:

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures or Conventions of the several States as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, any one or any two of which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures or Conventions, to be valid as part of the said Constitution.

ARTICLE.—That in Slavery now existing, which shall abolish it, at any time or times, before the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, shall be compensated for by the United States, as follows, to wit: The President of the United States shall deliver to each such State, bonds of the United States, bearing interest at the rate of —, for each slave shown to have been thereby by the eighth census of the United States, said bonds to be delivered to such State by its Legislature, or in one parcel, at the completion of the abolition, accordingly as the same shall have been agreed upon at one time, within such State; and interest shall begin to run upon any such bond only from the proper time of its delivery as aforesaid and afterward. Any State having received bonds as aforesaid, and not having redeemed the same, shall be bound to return to the United States the bonds so received, or the value thereof, and all interest paid thereon.

ARTICLE.—All States who shall have enjoyed actual freedom by the chance of the war at any time before the first day of January, 1863, shall be bound to all owners of such, who shall not have been disavowed, shall be compensated for them at the same rates as is provided for States adopting abolition of Slavery, but in such a way that no slave shall be twice compensated.

ARTICLE.—Congress may appropriate money and otherwise provide for compensating free color persons, who shall be shown to have been free at any place or places within the United States.

The independence of this nation has been secured at some length. Without Slavery, the rebellion would never have existed; without Slavery, it could not continue. Among the friends of the Union there is great diversity of sentiment and of policy in regard to Slavery, and the African race amongst us. Some would abolish it suddenly, and without compensation; some would abolish it gradually and with compensation; some would retain the freed people from us, and some would retain them with us; and there are yet other minor diversities. Because of these diversities we waste much strength in struggles among ourselves; by mutual concession we should harmonize and act together. This would be a compromise among the friends and not with the enemies of the Union. These articles are intended to embody a plan of such mutual concessions. If the plan shall be adopted, it is assumed that emancipation will follow, at least in several of the States. As to the first article, the main points are: First—Emancipation; second, the length of time for consummating (thirty-seven years); and thirdly the compensation. The emancipation will be unsatisfactory to the advocates of perpetual Slavery, but the length of time should greatly mitigate the dissatisfaction. The time spares both races from the evils of sudden derangement, in fact, from the necessity of any derangement, while most of those whose habitual course of thought will be disturbed by the measure will have passed away before its consummation. They will never see it. Another class will hail the prospect of emancipation, but will deprecate the length of time. They will feel that it gives too little to the now living slaves. But it really gives them much. It saves them from the vagrant destitution which must largely attend immediate emancipation in localities where their numbers are very great, and it gives the inspiring assurance that their posterity shall be free forever. The plan leaves to each State choosing to act under it to abolish Slavery, now or at the end of the century, or at any intermediate time, or by degrees extending over the whole or any part of the period, and it obliges no two States to proceed alike. It also provides for compensation, and generally the mode of making it. This would seem most further mitigate the dissatisfaction of those who favor perpetuity. Slavery, and especially of those who are to receive compensation. Doubtless some of those who are to pay, and not to receive, will object; yet, that the measure is both just and economical, is certain.

The liberation of the slave is the destruction of property—property acquired by decent or by purchase the same as any other property.

It is no less true for having been often said, that the people of the South are no more responsible for the original introduction of this property than are the people of the North, and when it is remembered how unprofitably we use all of us—cotton, sugar, and wheat, and the profits of dealing in them, it is not to be wondered at that the South has been more responsible than the North for its continuance. If, then, for a common object this property is to be sacrificed, is it not just that it be done at a common charge? And if with less money, or money more easily paid, we can preserve the benefits of the Union by this means than we can by the war alone, is it not also economical to do it. Let us consider it then. Let us ascertain the sum we have expended in the war since compensated emancipation was proposed last March, and consider whether if that measure had been promptly accepted by even some of the Slave States, the same sum would not have done more to close the war than has been otherwise done. If so, the measure would save money, and in that view would be a prudent and economical measure. Certainly it is not easy to pay something as it is paying nothing. But it is easier to pay a large sum than it is to pay a larger one, and it is easier to pay any sum, when we are able than it is to pay it before we are able. The war requires them at once—the aggregate sum necessary for compensated emancipation of course would be large, but it would really require no cash, nor bonds, any faster than the emancipation progresses. This might not, and probably would not close before the end of the thirty-seven years. At that time, we shall probably have one hundred millions of people to share the burdens, instead of thirty-one millions as now, and not only so, but the increase of our population may be expected to continue for a long time after the period as rapidly as before, because our territory will not have become full. I do not state this inconsiderately. At the same ratio of increase which we have maintained on an average from our first national census in 1790, until that of 1860, we should in 1900 have a population of 103,208,415; and why may we not continue that rate far beyond that period? Our abundant room, our broad national homestead is our ample resource. Were our territory as limited as are the British isles, very certainly our population could not expand as stated. Instead of receiving the foreign born as now, we should be compelled to send part of the native born away; but such is not our condition. We have two millions nine hundred and sixty-three thousand square miles; Europe has three millions and eight hundred thousand, with a population averaging seventy-three and one-third persons to the square mile. Why may not our country at some time average as many? Is it less fertile? Has it more waste surface by mountains, rivers, lakes, deserts or other causes? Is it inferior to Europe in any natural advantage? If, then, we are at some time to be as populous as Europe, now soon? As to when this may be, we can judge by the past and the present. As to when it will, if ever, depends much on whether we maintain the Union. Several of our States are above the average European population of 73 to the square mile. Massachusetts has 157, Rhode Island 135, New-York and New-Jersey each 80, also, two other great States, Pennsylvania and Ohio, are not far below, the former having 63 and the latter 59. The States already above the European average, except New-York, have increased in as rapid ratio since passing that point as ever before, while no one of them is equal to some other parts of our country in natural capacity for sustaining a dense population.

Taking the nation in the aggregate and we find its population and ratio of increase for the several decades periods to be as follows:

1790	3,929,267
1800	5,308,487—35 per cent. ratio of increase.
1810	7,242,143—35 per cent. ratio of increase.
1820	9,637,111—33 per cent. ratio of increase.
1830	12,866,012—33 per cent. ratio of increase.
1840	17,069,250—32 per cent. ratio of increase.
1850	23,190,876—35 per cent. ratio of increase.
1860	31,443,790—35 per cent. ratio of increase.

This shows an average decennial increase of 34.90 per cent. in population through the seventy years from our first to our last census taken. It is seen that the rate of increase at no one of these seven periods is either 2 per cent. below or 2 per cent. above the average, thus showing how inflexible and consequently how reliable the law of increase in our case is. Assuming that it will continue, it gives the following results: 1870, 42,323,341; 1880, 56,967,216; 1890, 76,677,872; 1900, 103,208,415; 1910, 138,918,326; 1920, 184,355; 1930, 251,089,914. These figures show that our country may be as populous as Europe now is at some point between 1920 and 1930, say about 1925; our territory, at 73 persons to the square mile, being of the capacity to contain 217,160,000; and we will reach this, too, if we do not ourselves relinquish the chances by the folly and evils of disunion or by long and exhausting war springing from the only great element of national discord among us. While it cannot be foreseen exactly how much one huge example of secession, breeding lesser ones individually, would retard the population, civilization and prosperity, no one can doubt that the extent of it would be very great and injurious.

The proposed emancipation would shorten the war, perpetuate peace, insure this increase of population, and proportionately the wealth of the country. With this we should pay all the emancipation would cost, together with our other debts, easier than we should pay our other debts without it. If we had allowed our old National debt to run at six per cent. per annum, simple interest, from the end of our Revolutionary struggle till to-day, without paying anything on either principal or interest, each man of us would owe less upon that debt now than each man owed upon it then; and this because our increase of men through the whole period has been greater than 6 per cent., and has run faster than the interest upon the debt. Thus, time alone relieves a debtor nation so long as its population increases faster than unpaid interest accumulates on its debt. This fact would be no excuse for delaying the payment of what is justly due; but it shows the great importance of time in this connection, the great advantage of a policy by which we shall not have to pay until we number a hundred millions, what, by a different policy, we could have to pay now when the number is but thirty-one millions. In a word, it shows that a dollar will be much harder to pay for the year than will be a dollar for emancipation on the proposed plan. And then the latter will cost no blood, no precious life. It will be a saving of both. As to the second article, I think it would be impracticable to return to bondage the class of persons therein contemplated. Some of them, doubtless, in the property sense, belong to loyal owners, and hence provision is made in this article for compensating such. The third article relates to the future of the freed people. It does not obligate but merely authorizes Congress to add in colonizing such as may consent. This ought not to be regarded as objectionable on the one hand, or on the other, inasmuch as it comes to nothing unless by mutual consent of the people to be deported, and the American voters, through their representatives in Congress. I cannot make it better known than it already is, that I strongly favor colonization; and yet I wish to say, there is an objection urged against the colored persons remaining in the country, which is largely imaginary. If not sometimes malicious. It is insisted that their presence would injure and displace white labor and white laborers. If there ever could be a proper time for mere arguments, that time surely is not now. In times like the present men should utter nothing for which they would not willingly be responsible through time and eternity.

Is it true, then, that colored people can displace any more white labor by being free than remaining slaves? If they stay in their old places they displace no white laborers. If they leave their old places, they leave them open to white laborers. Logically there is neither more or less of it. Emancipation, even without deportation, would probably enhance the wages of white labor, and very surely would not reduce them. Thus the customary amount of labor would still have to be performed. The freed people would surely not do more than their old proportion of it, and very probably, for a time, would do less, leaving an increased part to white laborers, bringing their labor into greater demand, and, consequently, enhancing the wages of it. With deportation, even to a limited extent, enhancing wages to white labor, is mathematically certain. Labor is like any other commodity in the market; increase the demand for it, and you increase the price of it. Reduce the supply of black labor, by colonizing the black labor out of the country, and by precisely so much you increase the demand for and the wages of white labor. But it is decided that the freed people will swarm forth, and cover the whole land. Are they not already in the land? Will liberation make them any more numerous? Equally distributed among the whites of the whole country, and there would be but our colored to seven whites. Could the one in any way greatly disturb the seven? There are many communities now having more than one free colored person to seven whites, and this without any apparent consciousness of evil from it. The District of Columbia and the States of Maryland and Delaware are all in this condition. The District has more than one free colored to six whites. Yet, in its frequent petitions to Congress, it believes it has never presented the presence of free colored persons as one of its grievances. But why should Emancipation South send the freed people North? People of any color seldom run unless there be something to run from. Heretofore, colored people, to some extent, have fled North from bondage, and now, perhaps, from both—bondage and destitution; but if gradual Emancipation and deportation be adopted, they will have neither to flee from. Their old masters will give them wages, at least, until new laborers can be procured; and the freed men, in turn, will gladly give their labor for the wages till new homes can be found for them in congenial climates, and with people of their own blood and race.

This proposition can be trusted on the mutual interests involved, and in any event, cannot the North decide for itself, whether to receive them. Again, as practice proves more than theory in any case, has there been any interruption of colored people northward because of the abolishment of Slavery in this District last Spring? What I have said of the proportion of free colored persons to the whites in the District is from the census of 1860, having no reference to persons called contrabands, nor to those made free by the act of Congress abolishing Slavery here. The plan consisting of these articles is recommended, not but that a restoration of the National authority would be accepted without its adoption; nor will the war, now proceeding under the Proclamation of September 22, 1862, be stayed, because of the recommendation of this plan. Its timely adoption I do not would bring restoration, and thereby stay both. And notwithstanding this plan, the recommendation that Congress provide by law for compensating any State which may adopt emancipation before this plan shall have been acted upon, is hereby earnestly renewed. Such would only be an advance part of the plan, and the same arguments apply to both. This plan is recommended as a means not in exclusion of, but in addition to, all others for restoring and preserving the National authority throughout the Union. The subject is presented exclusively in its economical aspect. The plan would, I am confident, secure peace more speedily than can be done by force alone, while it would cost, considering amounts and manner of payment and times of payment, and the amounts would be easier paid than will be the additional cost of the war if we rely solely upon force. It is most likely—very likely—that it would cost no blood at all.

The plan is proposed as permanent constitutional law. It cannot become such without the concurrence of—first, two-thirds of Congress, and afterwards three-fourths of the States. The requisite three-fourths of the States will necessarily include seven of the Slave States. Their concurrence, if obtained, will give assurance of their assenting to adopting emancipation at no distant day upon the new constitutional terms. This assurance would end the struggle now, and save the Union forever.

I do not forget the gravity which should characterize a paper addressed to the Congress of the nation, by the Chief Magistrate of the nation, nor do I forget that some of you are my seniors, nor that many of you have more experience than I in the conduct of public affairs; yet I trust that in view of the great responsibility resting upon me, you will perceive no want of respect to yourselves in any undue earnestness. I may seem to display a confidence in the plan I propose, if adopted, would shorten this war, and thus lessen its expenditure of money and of blood? It is doubted that it would restore the national authority and national property, and perpetuate both indefinitely? Is it doubted that we here, Congress and Executive, can secure its adoption? Will not the good people respond to a united and earnest appeal for it? Can we, can they, by any other means, so certainly or so speedily secure these vital objects? We can succeed only by consent. It is not "Can any of us imagine better?" but "Can we all do better?" Object whatsoever is possible, still the question recurs, "Can we do better?" The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country.

Fellow Citizens—We cannot escape history. We, of this day, cannot escape history. We, the next generation, will be remembered in spite of ourselves. No personal significance, or insignificance, can spare one or another of us. The fiery trial through which we pass, will lighten down in honor or dishonor to the latest generation.

We say it we are for the Union. The world will not forget that while we say this, we do know how to save the Union. The world knows we do it, and we must rise with the occasion, hold the power and bear the responsibility.

In giving freedom to the slave, we assure freedom to the free, honorable alike in what we give and in what we preserve.

We shall nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope of our earth.

Other means may succeed. This could not fail. The way is plain—peaceful, generous, just—a way which, if followed, the world will ever applaud, and God must forever bless us.

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FROM GEN. SIGEL'S CORPS.

The Late Reconnaissance to Ashby's Gap, Snicker's Gap, and Shenandoah Valley.

Its Complete Success—Prisoners, Cattle, Horses and Camp Equipage Captured.

Three Rebel Flags Taken—Several Fights.

The Killed and Wounded—Interesting Incidents and Details.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Gen. Sigel's Headquarters, Chambersburg, Dec. 1, 1862.

A brief account of the recent reconnaissance by Gen. Sigel, who returned to this place last evening, I have already telegraphed you. As this was one of the most important movements of the kind that has recently been made—both in regard to its influence upon our own men and the enemy—a detailed statement of the affair, by an eye-witness, cannot be otherwise than interesting. The expedition was planned with the utmost secrecy and carried out with dispatch, and in the most successful manner—reflecting credit alike upon those who planned it, the General who commanded, and the officers and men under him.

THE START.

The force placed at the disposal of Gen. Sigel was well under way by 4 o'clock A. M., Friday, Nov. 28. Though there was a cold drizzling rain falling and the roads were not in the most desirable condition, the troops moved on with alacrity and were in good spirits at the prospect of having a brush with the enemy. A distance of 16 miles was reached soon after sunrise, where a short halt was made. Leaving the command of Col. Von Gilsa at this place, Gen. Sigel moved on through Middleburg to Rector's Cross Roads—10 miles—where the column again came to a halt.

RECONNOISSING.

From this point two detachments were sent out to reconnoiter—one commanded by Major Knox, of the Ninth New-York Cavalry, proceeded to Upperville where the pickets of Wm. Lee's rebel battalion were encountered and driven through Parla and Ashby's Gap to the Shenandoah River, notwithstanding they had a force far outnumbering the one commanded by Major Knox. The resistance offered was trifling, and as a consequence but little damage was done on either side.

TO SALEM.

Capt. Dammann, of Gen. Sigel's Staff, who had volunteered for the expedition, was sent with a detachment to Salem, 10 miles, but found no enemy. Returning in advance of his command with two men, one of our own pickets mistaking them for the enemy, fell back upon the main command. The man finally discovered his mistake and rushed back to his post.

A SKEWION.

On the road to Salem a farmer was overtaken with a load of corn. Our horses were in need of rations, and the men were directed each to take a few ears; the owner protested, and finding such a course would not save him, finally declared that several of his horses had the black tongue, and had been eating from the corn. "Oh," says Dammann, "all of our animals have that disease—no there is no risk to run." Mr. Secord then became alarmed and begged to be left because he feared his horses might catch the distemper. But it was of no use. He was a rank secessionist, our horses were hungry, there was the corn, and a reasonable quantity of the cereal was appropriated.

STRATEGY.

The movement in this direction was undoubtedly a piece of strategy, as the sequel will show. One would have supposed that the troops had done enough for one day—but not so with their commander. He had a plan to carry out, and when Gen. Sigel once sets out to perform a task, it is completed, it is within the range of possibilities. Knowing this, I was not surprised to hear, late in the afternoon, an order given to march.

A RETROGRADE MOVEMENT.

The whole command took a retrograde move to a point one and a half miles east of Middleburg, where a halt was made for the night, and this ended Friday, the first day of the reconnaissance.

THE SECOND DAY.

Saturday morning, early, the whole command proceeded rapidly, by the shortest route, to Winchester and by passing the advance guard had entered Snicker's Gap without having met an armed rebel. In place of rain, this morning we had a fall of snow. The air was cold and breezy, the sun in the good spirit, and riding over the Blue Ridge at Snicker's Gap was one of the real attractions before us. No formal halt was made at Snicker's Gap, but Gen. Sigel pushed on with rapidity over the mountain to the Shenandoah River, capturing a few stray scouts, belonging to Wm. Lee's Battalion, on the way, without firing a shot.

SNICKER'S GAP—PICKET TALK.

Descending the mountain, the road, within one hundred rods of the river, lay to the right. As the advance guard turned this bend, the little village on the opposite bank—one hundred yards distant—known as Snicker's Ferry, was brought into full view, and with it a patrolling picket of Wm. Lee's Cavalry, numbering fifty men. It was quite evident they did not expect Union troops to appear to them just at that moment. They did not seem to be surprised, for only about twenty-five of our men were in sight; they had on blue overcoats—no had many of the rebels. Not expecting to see Union troops there, and at that early hour in the morning, the rebels across the river naturally concluded—as some of the prisoners subsequently stated—that it was a part of their own battalion; it was not until after a random series of questions had been asked and answered across the river, that they discovered their grave mistake, and then it was done by an ignominious new-comer, who called out, "How are you, Rebels?" The query was instantly made, "Who are you, Yanks?" The truth of the matter was, we learn from prisoners, that they had heard of the advance to Ashby's Gap, and had arranged for serious opposition in that quarter; but, as their scouts in Snicker's Gap were fortunately captured, they had no information whatever of the force advancing from that direction. One of the scouts taken was much chaffed, particularly because he

had a good horse, two Colt's revolvers, a carbine and sword. He came up to a squad of men, and asked if they were "Confederates." They beckoned for him to come in, and he did so, under the supposition that they belonged to Wm. Lee's Battalion. When told that he was a prisoner, he said they had deceived him, and declared that he had been swindled.

THE SKIRMISH AT THE FORD.

The advance upon arriving near the ferry, was commanded by Col. Wyndham, of the First New-Jersey Cavalry. Gen. Sigel directed a detail of dismounted carbines in advance to the bank of the river. Lieut. Severance, of the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, with a mixed detachment, numbering 40, went forward and delivered the first fire. The enemy concealed behind houses, fences and trees, fired a few shots, but upon seeing a body of horsemen under Capt. Downer, of the First Michigan, fording the river and not heeding their fire, mounted their horses and fled precipitately.

CROSSING THE SHENANDOAH—AN ACCIDENT.

In the movement across the river, Capt. Hantz, of Gen. Sigel's Staff, had an opportunity of displaying a quality that characterizes all good and experienced soldiers, that is, doing the right thing at the right time and in the right place. None of the men with the advance knew anything about the ford, and nearly all had horses new to the service. The horses for a moment hesitated about going into the water. Capt. Hantz, who was close at hand, seeing apparent hesitation from some cause or other, and realizing that time just then was all important, dashed forward into the river. The movement thus inaugurated was speedily executed, and had it not been for an unfortunate accident Capt. Hantz would have been the first on the opposite shore. Just as he had nearly reached the opposite bank his horse fell, and horse and rider went under. The water and atmosphere were both frosty and the mishap caused only a temporary delay, but Capt. Hantz that night and the following day suffered severely from his mishap. Gen. Sigel, Capt. Hantz, of the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, Capt. Downer, of the First Michigan, and other officers, whose names I do not know, shared the dangers encountered by the first detachment that crossed the river. The balance of the command followed as speedily as possible.

ADVANCE OF THE MAIN BODY.

The advance force, under Col. Wyndham, as soon as the river had been forded, dashed forward in pursuit of the retreating enemy; flankers were thrown out, and at about three miles from the ford the advance came suddenly upon the camp of Wm. Lee's Battalion.

A CAMP DISCOVERED.

The men, pretty well excited by what they had already experienced, now pressed on the harder, and dashed into the camp yelling like so many demons. The commander of the camp just received information that there were 25 Yankees across the ford, he supposed that was all the force there, and he was concocting a plan to capture it, as the balance of his guard at the Ferry—those who had not been captured or escaped by disappearing at the roadside—came in upon the run with the Yanks at their heels.

A NOVEL CAMP SCENE.

I have heard of scenes of confusion that "beggars all description," but never had the pleasure of witnessing such a perfect bedlam of excitement before. The rebels ran from their tents in utter dismay, and each acted upon the impulse of the moment. Some mounted the nearest horse at hand, and dashed off without regard to direction or order; the command was, if they received any, "to stand not upon the order of going, but go at once," and they obeyed it to the letter; two or three, who were as fortunate as to secure horses leaped a fence that seemed to be too high for any animal to clear, one poor horse tumbled upon the fence, his rider falling head foremost over it, and the animal falling the other side. Lieut. Barker, who was on duty, was his capture to the fact that just as he got the alarm, a private, having no respect for rank, mounted his horse and dashed off. Not a few had the shakes very bad, and begged for money—they had begun to think the Yanks were terrible fellows. "Grab-bags" could be seen skedaddling in every direction, at a rate of speed which would have been creditable to professional runners. One tent, containing three men, was propped up by each of the inmates attempting to get out brisk. The tent fell as the men were caught under it, when a Union soldier, seeing their position, ran up and clasped them with the fat of his sword. They cried out in great trepidation. "We surrender, we surrender." Lieut. Penn Gaxell, Adjutant of Col. Wyndham, unearthed a man who had rolled himself into a blanket, mummy fashion, and had managed to cover his head and body with leaves; unfortunately for himself, his legs were too long for the occasion. He acted in his fright upon the instinct of the ostrich, by concealing his head, supposing that it he could not see, that the enemy could not see him. When untraced and brought to light, he shook like an aspen-leaf in a thunder-storm. He denied being an officer, and when the discovery was made that he was a no less important personage than a Captain, he was suddenly seized with the small-pox, and was warned those around him of the danger of exposing themselves to such a disgusting disease. Lieut. Penn Gaxell finally told that dissembling would be of no avail; he must go along with him. The man then acknowledged that he was Capt. Gaxell, of Wm. Lee's Cavalry, but that he had the "rheumatism," and could not walk. Two men carried him to the rear a short distance, when the officer in charge concluded that a fellow would waste no more time upon so worthless a coward, and paroled him on the spot. Tests, arms, provisions, ammunition, horses, cattle, personal property and three flags were abandoned in the panic. Our men hastily picked up revolvers and other articles that struck their fancy, exchanged poor horses for good ones, and for once, at least, the Union soldiers experienced the pleasure of sacking an enemy's camp.

THE REAL STATUS OF WHITE'S CAVALRY.

The camp was well supplied with everything, for this regiment, although now receiving regular pay from the Confederate Government, is an independent command, and authorized to appropriate anything they seize to their own use, without any red tape intervening, or responsibility whatever. They have recently robbed two stores in Poolsville, and supplied themselves with boots, shoes and clothing, and many other similar articles, such as could not be obtained at farm-houses. It seems that the battalion was about moving its camp, and just before our troops entered it, had sent off several wagon-loads of clothing and camp-equipage—otherwise, the whole of the property lately taken by Wm. Lee from Poolsville would have been recaptured. At this point the bulk of Col. Wyndham's command was sent off by Gen. Sigel, on picket and scouting duty—particularly for the purpose of sweeping in the retreating and scattered rebels. Beside some twenty odd prisoners, twenty head of cattle and as many horses, besides those captured by the soldiers, one ambulance filled with chickens, and a four-horse wagon, loaded with tents and camp-equipage, were captured by Col. Wyndham and sent to the rear. The standing tents and all other property not carried away were destroyed.

THE ADVANCE UPON BERRYVILLE.

While Col. Wyndham was engaged at Wm. Lee's camp, Col. Casola, of the Fourth New-York Cavalry, advanced with his command, consisting mainly of the Ninth New-York Cavalry, under the immediate command of Maj. Knox, to Berryville, accompanied, as the previous advance had been, by Gen. Sigel, and followed closely by Col. Wyndham, with a small portion of his command not otherwise

engaged, as a reserve force. The town was found to be occupied by a part of Wm. Lee's command, the Fourth, Seventh, Twelfth and part of the Seventeenth Virginia Cavalry.

A CHARGE.

By direction of Gen. Sigel, Maj. Knox, at the head of 200 men, charged through the principal street of the town, driving a superior force before him. In this affair, Gen. Sigel and Col. Casola participated and were in the advance with Maj. Knox. Arriving at the westerly outskirts of the town, Col. Casola, with a portion of the Ninth New-York, pushed forward in pursuit of the Seventh Virginia Cavalry, which had opposed his entrance into town, and drove them, pell-mell, to a point within four and a half miles of Winchester. As there was a respectable force, including infantry, artillery and cavalry—at Winchester, Col. Casola concluded that the country beyond might be unhealthy for his men, and with several prisoners captured, fell back to the main body. While this movement was being executed, another portion of our men were briskly engaged in Berryville. Soon after Maj. Knox advanced, the rear of Major Knox's command was attacked by the Thirteenth Virginia Cavalry, coming down a road leading into the village from a northerly direction. Gen. Sigel selected Maj. Knox to meet to the right and charge upon the rear of the Thirteenth, which movement was executed promptly and successfully. At the same time, the rear company faced about and related the attack in that direction with their sabres, carbines and pistols. Just at the opportune moment, Capt. Hantz, of Gen. Sigel's Staff, appears upon the scene of action again. He saw the hazardous position in which the detachments in the village were placed, and with 25 or 30 scattered men he collected, charged upon the Thirteenth Regiment at about the same time Major Knox executed his second movement upon its rear. The men under Capt. Hantz put their horses upon the full gallop, and went into the fight with a yell. The rebels were so situated as not to be able to see the exact force coming upon them—a panic seized them, and they fled out of town and scattered in every direction. While this was transpiring in town, squads of rebel cavalry made their appearance in the rear and on the northerly side of the road leading to Snicker's Ferry. Most of them wore blue overcoats, and nearly an hour one squad was within long rifle range of a squad of Union troops, and each supposed that the other belonged to the same army, until a member of the First Virginia Cavalry, (Union), named Rizer, rode up to the other squad, when, after a few words, they ordered him to surrender. This he refused to do, and wheeled his horse to escape. A volley was fired at him, but he escaped unhurt. As soon as the volley had been fired, he raised himself from the leaning posture he had assumed along side of the horse to avoid the shots, made several gestures of contempt toward the rebels, and joined his comrades. The horse was badly wounded, but was brought back.

A DASHING ACT.

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AN ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE MAJOR WHITE.

A Sergeant of Company F, Ninth New-York Cavalry, at about this time, through the agency of an intelligent negro, discovered where Major White, of the rebel battalion, had been an hour before. He got together half a dozen men and proceeded to the place indicated—the house of a Mr. Sheppard. He was about thirty minutes too late—the bird had flown. The house and premises were thoroughly searched, and nearly an hour's time was consumed in the performance of this task. All this time a rebel squad of twenty-five men was within two hundred rods of the house, but for some reason, best known to themselves, they did not attempt to cross three stone walls and a ditch that intervened.

FALLING BACK.

Toward night Gen. Sigel, having accomplished the special object of the reconnaissance, ordered his command to fall back, which was done in good order—the rebel scouts following closely the rear squad. As the expediency of returning to Chambersburg by the way of Aldie—i.e., the infantry, under Col. Von Gilsa, left at that point, having gone back to Chambersburg, and the place being convenient for a rebel force from the Valley to concentrate—Gen. Sigel decided to move in a northerly direction—as far as Leesburg, encamping at Mount Gleason Saturday night, on Sunday morning early he moved on to Leesburg and crossing Goose Creek, after a long and tiring march, arrived in Chambersburg the same night. Just before Gen. Sigel crossed the Shenandoah, Capt. Dammann, of Gen. Sigel's Staff, with 20 men, was sent off to the right from Middleburg. He went to Mount Gleason, Creviceville, Goose Creek Church and the Leesburg pike, and arrived at Snicker's Ford at about 3 o'clock P. M., bringing three of Wm. Lee's scouts and two other men. Hearing that there were scattered squads of rebels hanging upon the flanks and rear of the force in front, he got together all the men who could be spared from the command guarding the river at the ford, and crossed over in pursuit. While thus engaged he met the returning column and fell back with it.

THE RESULT.

As compared with the number of shots fired, and the important results attained, the losses of the day were trifling. Only one Union soldier was killed, and so far as is known, fifteen were wounded. A number of men are missing, but it is supposed they were taken prisoners. Four of the enemy—one as a deserter—are known to have been killed, and not less than thirty were wounded in the different skirmishes. The names of the killed and wounded, so far as ascertained, are as follows:

UNION SOLDIERS.

Private George Bradley, Co. G, 9th New-York Cavalry—killed.
Lieut. John T. Rutherford, Co. L, 9th New-York Cavalry—wounded in left shoulder.
Private John Phillips, Co. A, 9th New-York Cavalry—left arm, slightly.
Private John L. Brewster, Co. C, 9th New-York Cavalry—slightly.
Lieut. Marvin, 1st Michigan Cavalry—slightly.
Lieut. N. Herick, Co. A, 9th New-York Cavalry—wounded, and is supposed to be a prisoner.

INCIDENTS.

Corp. S. A. Pitcher, 1st Michigan Cavalry; Sergeant Major Smith, of Ninth New-York; Corp. Batten, of the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry; Private Gatten, Ninth New-York Cavalry, and several others, were captured, but succeeded in making their escape. When Corp. Proctor was captured, his horse and everything, of course, were taken away from him. When he returned to his company he had better horse and accoutrements than before.

EXPERIENCE OF A RECENT MAJOR.
Sergeant Major Smith was captured in Berryville. He was in the charge made by Maj. Knox, to the north of the main street, upon the rear of the Seventh Virginia Cavalry. While his horse was at a full gallop through a burning-ground, he found that he would have to run against a grave-stone or jump his horse over it. He attempted to do the latter, when the animal got caught upon the stone, and horse and rider fell over together. Sergt. Smith regained his feet, and being followed by two of the cavalry, he was rolled first one way and then the other by the horses rushing against him on either side, until he was badly bruised, and fell to the ground again. After our cavalry had passed, he got upon his feet, and was immediately surrounded by a portion of White's Cavalry, to whom he surrendered, and remained with them during the rest of the fight in the town. He escaped with a rebel's horse, all accoutrements, and subsequently his own horse was recaptured. Sergt. Smith says

that White's Cavalry is mainly composed of boys—many of them not more than 14 or 15 years old. While a prisoner, one of these boys came up to him in a bustling manner and said, with an oath: "I suppose you are a Yankee, and I will finish you!" and, as if to carry his threat into execution, he drew a revolver, but just at that moment an officer interfered, and thereby probably saved the life of Sergt. Smith. Another man escaped by killing a soldier who had him in charge.

Among the prisoners captured was Lieut. Barker, Dr. Worrain, Lieut. Evans, Private Stevenson, and "Box" Wm. Lee, a native of Washington, D. C., and who was a clerk in one of the Departments under Buchanan.

SHOOTING FROM HOUSES.

At the fight at Berryville, women, it is believed, fired from several houses. It is quite certain that Lieut. Rumsdorn was wounded by a shot fired from a window. His wound is quite severe, but he refused to retire until the rebels had been dispersed. The rebel Lieutenant was killed on the main street. His horse was shot almost at the same instant, and both fell together.

Gen. Sigel evinced throughout the entire reconnaissance, great prudence in the disposition of his forces, and in every fight took place, he was at the most exposed point, giving directions. He was one of the first to cross the river at Snicker's Ford, and was with the advance to several charges. A number of shots were evidently directed to him individually, but he escaped unharmed.

REBEL PRISONERS SATISFIED.

Many of the prisoners captured, did not hesitate to express their satisfaction at the change in their prospects, as they were tired of the war, and wanted to get home. "Once at home, you don't catch me out here again, fighting for nothing," was the frank acknowledgment of at least one prisoner.

It is very generally believed that many of the Southern troops taken do not respect their paroles. The prisoner Stevens, named above, has been captured at least four times, almost within as many months, and the last time previous to this was only a few days ago, and by the same men who took him on this occasion. His case will be inquired into.

UNCLE SAM'S GREENBACKS IN DEMAND.

At Rector's Cross Roads, and at various points, the people fairly begged for Uncle Sam's "greenbacks," and offered to give anything to return them. These people were well supplied with Confederate money, and at some places it passes at par between neighbors; but for the purpose of clothing, groceries, boots, shoes, &c., it is not worth the original cost of the paper. The storekeepers who have anything to sell now refuse to receive Confederate notes in payment for goods. Virginia money they take at from 40 to 50 per cent. discount, and Uncle Sam's money at par generally. Some of the sharper, who know full well the value and necessities of the people, charge a small discount upon Union money, because they know their customers cannot do otherwise than submit to the abuse. As there is but little good paper-money about, all the people purchase in these parts is paid for in promissory notes, or something raised upon their farms. Promissory notes are by far the most commonly used, and I have conversed with many men who have disposed of whole stacks of goods, receiving in pay this commodity.

THE PEOPLE IN DISTRESS.

The distress to which the people of this region have been reduced by the rebellion is, in some instances, heartrending to behold. First they were robbed by those who professed to be their friends—the rebel soldiers; and next the Union troops appropriate whatever their necessities require at the moment. This has been repeated over and over again, in hundreds of places, until at last commanders, in selecting a route to march, did it positively necessary that some attention be paid to the chances for obtaining forage and provisions. The distress is not alone the cause of the want of provisions. The people have to resort to every means to cover their nakedness, have seen young ladies who were brought up in opulence, and with everything at their command the heart could wish or a cultivated taste desire, before the war, but who now are experiencing all the pangs incident to a state of poverty. The skins of animals, cast-away grain-sacks, and other articles heretofore never used for such purposes, I have seen worn by both men and women, made into articles of clothing. The suffering is not alone confined to the poor, the "white trash," but, to a greater or less extent, is shared by all. The effect of all this, is that, while the people talk as secessionists, they at the same time expiate themselves at being sorry for the war, and heap curses upon those who have caused it.

When this expedition started, a company of the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry was sent to Leesburg for the purpose of looking after any stray rebels that might be hovering upon our right flank. No sooner had the company entered the town than the people attempted to inform a rebel force, within reach, of their bare presence. The commanding officer quietly informed the people that, if attacked, he should destroy the town, and by this means doubtless saved his whole command from capture. Leesburg is one of the most hostile towns in the whole State of Virginia. Our soldiers have frequently been shot at from houses while passing through the streets, and it is with the greatest difficulty the men can be restrained within the inhospitable place.

Since writing the above, I learn from a prisoner that Major Wm. Lee was wounded twice—but not dangerously—at Berryville. He was before suffering from two wounds received in skirmishes.

The moral effect of this reconnaissance will work to good purpose in two ways. It was a complete success from beginning to end, and while it will have a tendency to elevate the character of our cavalry as soldiers, it has also taught the rebels that their cavalry is no match for ours. He was shown at several points where the contest might have been an equal one, had the rebels stood their ground.

The object of the expedition was to ascertain the whereabouts of one of the large rebel force reported to be near at hand by different scouts, and particularly the whereabouts of Jackson. It was ascertained, upon authority deemed reliable, that Jackson, with both his, passed through New Market last Sunday in a southerly direction. The report that there is any considerable force at Winchester is doubted by those in authority.

Major Gen. Burnside, upon learning the result of the expedition, at once sent an order by telegraph, thanking the commanding General, and through him the officers and men under his command, for the public service rendered.

LATEST REPORTS FROM CENTREVILLE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Your Special Correspondent telegraphs from Centerville:

Two German refugees came in from Warrenton today. They say that Jackson passed through Berryville a week ago, and has lately been at Gordonsville. He had been ordered to join Lee.

A private of the First Rhode Island reports that he left Winchester on the 29th ult. There were some 20,000 rebels under Gen. Jones and STANLEY, of Maryland, at that place.

Capt. Hantz made a reconnaissance to-day to Aldie, but discovered no enemy.

Capt. Kearney returned to-day from a reconnaissance to the Rappahannock in the direction of Culpepper. There is a small rebel force at Culpepper, and Gen.

D. H. Hall is reported to be at Orange Court-house. At New-Baltimore, on Saturday, Capt. Kearney had a skirmish with a superior force of rebels, dispersing them, killing a Lieutenant and wounding a private. He lost one man wounded and made prisoner, and another wounded.

FROM GEN. BURNSIDE'S ARMY.

Demonstrations of the Rebels on Our Right.

An Attempt to Post Pickets Near Our Lines.

THE ENEMY DRIVEN BACK

The Detention of the Pontoon Train.

Reported Arrest of Maj. Spaulding and Other Army Officers.

LATEST REPORTS FROM FALMOUTH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Tuesday, Dec. 2—11:55 P. M.

The following dispatch is from the TIMES' special correspondent:

Near Falmouth, Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Information having been received to the effect that the rebels were posting their pickets in rather close proximity to our lines on the right, a detachment of five hundred cavalry and eight hundred infantry, the whole under command of Gen. AYRILL, was sent out yesterday to reconnoiter and take possession of the ground. It was ascertained that the enemy's force was not large. As our forces advanced, he gradually retired, not offering to dispute our progress. Last night our forces encamped in vicinity of Grove Church.

Later—One of Evans's scouts was captured last night, and reports that only a few of the enemy's pickets were on this side of the river yesterday.

LATEST REPORT FROM HEADQUARTERS.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Dec. 2—Midnight.

Gen. AYRILL, commanding a cavalry brigade, started on a reconnaissance on the Rappahannock on Sunday. He went as far as Barnett's Ford, from whence he dispatched to here that he had met no enemy.

Jackson is believed to have reached Culpepper, with the intention of joining the enemy's force now in our front.

The batteries have been silent for the past two days.

The enemy continue to strengthen and increase their works of defence.

Nothing has transpired to show that the rebels have made preparation, or commenced to fall back from their present position.

DELAY OF THE PONTON TRAIN.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The War Department has caused the arrest of Maj. Spaulding, of the Fifteenth New-York Engineer Volunteers, and the other officers who were with him in the recent transportation of the pontoon train from this point to Falmouth, Va. It is alleged that Maj. Spaulding started with the train two and a half days later than he should have started, and was five days on the road longer than was necessary.

LETTERS FROM STAFFORD C H.

The March of Gen. Sickles' Command from Fairfax to Stafford Court-house.

STAFFORD COURT-HOUSE, THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 27, 1862.

On the 8th of October Gen. SICKLES' command left Alexandria for the purpose of guarding the railroad running southward from that point. It consisted of the following regiments:

First Brigade, Gen. CARA commanding. First, Eleventh, Sixteenth Massachusetts; Second New Hampshire; Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania, and Eleventh New-Jersey, a new full regiment.
Second Brigade, (Sickles's old), Col. HALL, Acting Brigadier, commanding. First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Excelsior, and One Hundred and Twentieth New-York, which desire to be known as the Sixth Excelsior.
Third Brigade, Gen. FRANK PATTERSON. Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth New-Jersey, (known as the Second New-Jersey Brigade); Second New-York and One Hundred and Fifteenth Pennsylvania.

Gen. PATTERSON was ordered forward to take possession of Warrenton Junction. After proceeding a portion of the way he was one night compelled to fall back a few miles, owing to the appearance of the enemy. Col. Stansfield, who advanced the next day, found two of the pickets, who, owing to the suddenness of the retreat, had not been called in. They were occupying the identical position on which they had been stationed the day previous. On being asked what they were doing there, they replied, "holding the country until our approach." An extraordinary case of obedience to orders certainly. Warrenton Junction was taken possession of and men posted all along the railroad from Berke Station to that place. The Eleventh and Sixteenth Massachusetts, and Third Excelsior, together with a New-Jersey battery were located in the vicinity of the Junction. Immediately after the rear of our army had passed from Warrenton City en route for Fredericksburg, the various regiments commenced falling back, abandoning the railroad. The enemy followed after, taking possession of the abandoned ground. Last Friday morning the line of march was taken up for Falmouth, opposite Fredericksburg, to rejoin the Second Army Corps, under Gen. BLOOMER, to which they belong. Just prior to leaving, Gen. PATTERSON committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart, and Col. KAVAZA, Acting Brigadier-General, was chosen his successor. Gen. PATTERSON was universally beloved by his men, and his untimely demise occasioned universal gloom through his brigade. On leaving Fairfax the division marched in the order of the brigades, and were accompanied by two companies of the First United States Cavalry, and four of the First Massachusetts. Wolf Run Shoals, eight

miles from Fairfax, was reached on Friday evening. Owing to high water it was impossible to effect a crossing until Sunday. This accomplished, considerable more time was occupied in getting the command together, so that the march was not resumed until Tuesday morning. A cavalry picket, together with his horse, was captured by the enemy here. Our men travelled twelve miles on Tuesday, encompassing for the night at Dumfries. Wednesday morning they again set out, reaching the banks of the Aquia Creek in the afternoon, where they remained until this morning. Their blaring camp fire occasioned considerable surprise among the men of Gen. Surratt's Division, FRANKLIN'S Corps, who are encamped on this side the creek. No announcement of their coming had been received, and the soldiers were at a loss to know whose force it could be thus suddenly appearing in the rear. Some regrettably suggesting that it was Jackson no another of the raids for which he has made himself famous. The Division passed through this place at noon, Gen. Sigel and staff being of the herd, and will reach their destination, four miles this side of Falmouth, to-morrow night. The march from Fairfax Station has been through a most desolate, dreary and uninviting region, covered with pine and almost totally unsheltered by man or beast. Many years ago the country was productive, and bore oak and other valuable timber. After the land was cleared up it was devoted to tobacco raising, which in the course of a few years completely impoverished the soil, and it was abandoned. Since then the stunted pines and other shrubs have sprung up.

The First Massachusetts and Twenty-fourth Pennsylvania were left at Fairfax Station, to be guarded daily and bring up stores.

Medical Director of the Left Grand Division.

Promotion—Arrival of Recruits, &c.

STAFFORD COURT-HOUSE, VA., FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 28, 1862.

Dr. R. O. CHASE, a New-Yorker, belonging to the regular army, has been appointed Medical Director of the left grand division of BURNSIDE'S ARMY, comprising the Third and Fifth Corps, and commanded by Gen. FRANKLIN. All surgeons in the various regiments are to report to him, and he to the Medical Director of the army.

Capt. Sanders, of the Sixth U. S. Regulars, with one exception, the only loyal Mississippian in the service, has been made a Brigadier-General, his command, at present, to consist of Pennsylvania troops. Capt. Sanders is a brave and skillful officer, and well deserves the appointment conferred upon him. Six hundred recruits for the Sixth Regulars are now in Washington, which increases its number to 1,500 strong—one hundred and fifty recruits for the First Massachusetts Cavalry, have arrived here. They are a fine body of men, and mostly well mounted. Much difficulty has been experienced by the soldiers in this corps in procuring their mail matter, it being obliged to go round by the way of General Headquarters at Falmouth. On and after to-day, however, the daily mail is to be brought to this point direct from Washington via Aquia Creek Landing.

The soldiers generally kept Thanksgiving, though the scarcity of provisions and sutlers did not allow of much outlay.

The weather is very mild and beautiful to-day. A few more such days will restore the roads to a passable condition, which can hardly

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

No Change Contemplated in the Command of the Army of the Potomac.

NO WINTER QUARTERS

The Rebels Falling Back for the Defense of Richmond.

Arrangement of the Senate Standing Committees.

APPOINTMENTS SENT IN.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 3.

NO CHANGE IN THE COMMAND OF THE ARMY.

In order that the over-credulous may not be deceived by the command hatched in the opposition Press, alleging a change in the command of the Army of the Potomac, it is proper to state that Gen. Burnside never possessed the confidence of the Government more than at present; and that since his recent visit to Washington, his confidence has resulted in a very great increase in his powers, and in his liberation from many of the restraints under which he previously labored.

NO WINTER QUARTERS.

All stories to the effect that the Army of the Potomac will go into winter quarters are sheer fabrications, originating in ignorance of the spirit which animates the Government. There will be no cessation of effort till the rebellion is beyond the power of inflicting further mischief. Whatever inconvenience the army may have suffered from scarcity of supplies, is now removed.

THE REBELS FALLING BACK ON RICHMOND.

Our advices from Falmouth and Fredericksburg confirm the information lately received, that Gen. Lee is removing a large portion of his forces southward, and concentrating them in such a manner as to be able either to march to the relief of Richmond, in case of an attack in flank, or to act as a reserve in case of an assault on Fredericksburg.

THE SOUTH SICK OF THE WAR.

Information reliably derived from rebel neighborhoods, leave no room for doubt that the rebel masses, including both citizens and soldiers, are at last thoroughly disgusted with the war, and anxious to be relieved at almost any price. The severe tension of the last two years is now beginning to react visibly; and it is impossible that the reflex of feeling and sentiment shall not soon sweep the leaders from the positions they have attained by a mixture of force and fraud.

A SUPPLEMENTARY MESSAGE.

The opinion seems to be gaining ground that the President designs sending to Congress a Supplementary Message, when it shall be ready to proceed to business, and that there are many reasons why such a communication can be made more satisfactorily at that period than at present.

NOMINATIONS.

Among the nominations to-day sent to the Senate by the President, was that of Judge Davis for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. There were also a large number of reappointments submitted. The Senate went into Executive session, and after referring these nominations to appropriate Committees, adjourned. Among these appointments are Gen. Frederick Steele for Major-General, and Col. Hardee and Capt. Du Bois for Brigadier-Generals—all of New-York.

THE BANKRUPT LAW.

The Bankrupt bill, which was postponed last session, came up as the special order on Monday last, the 8th inst. Senator Foster, who reported the bill, and Senator Hardee, who is also favorable to this important measure, will use their best efforts to bring it before the Senate, with the purpose of getting definite action. Unless the friends of this measure in New-York, Boston and Philadelphia move at once the bill must inevitably fail; and yet it only requires united and vigorous action on the part of its friends to secure its passage.

GEN. STONE.

Gen. Hooker has solicited from Secretary Stanton a command in his Grand Division for Gen. Stone, of Ball Bluff northward. In reply the application was answered "not granted."

VENUE.

The Secretary of State has disapproved the action of Mr. Culver, our Minister to Venezuela, in recognizing the Revolutionary Government of Gen. Par.

ABUSES OF THE WAR POWER.

Among the prisoners just released from the Old Capitol, under Gen. Mansfield's recent order, is a young man named Clark, a resident of New-York, who has been working in North Carolina, and who undertook to return to his home on foot. He was arrested on entering our lines, and kept several weeks in prison at Alexandria without an opportunity for examination; and then transferred to the Old Capitol, where he has remained for several more weeks without any chance of making his case known. By the kindness of one of the prison officials he was enabled to secure the attention of the Commissioners appointed by Gen. Mansfield to examine into the cases of those in confinement there; and as soon as an examination took place was discharged as unquestionably loyal.

SECRETARY SMITH'S SUCCESSION.

Senator Browning is announced by many to be the destined successor of Secretary Smith in the Department of the Interior, and it is said that the latter has expressed an opinion that he may be the successful candidate.

THE STATE PRISONERS.

The Commissioners recently appointed by the acting Governor of this District to examine the prisoners confined in the Old Capitol, and discharge those against whom are found insufficient charges, have no power to interfere with cases when the arrest has been made by order of the Secretary of War.

THE PORTER COURT-MARTIAL.

Gen. Kim was present to-day as a member of the Porter Court-Martial, and the proceedings commenced by a decision that the Court should be open.

SOUTHERN NEWSPAPERS GETTING SCARCER.

An evidence of the exhaustion which is now being severely felt in the South, is the increasing scarcity of the seceder newspapers. Of the more than a

them, but a few are now printed, and the people at large are rarely able to obtain them.

SEN. BURNIDE'S SUCCESSORS.

Kansas men are greatly gratified by the recent success of Gen. Burnide in the West; and point with pride to the exploits of a few thousand Kansas troops, under a resolute commander, who traverse the enemy's country at pleasure, always among enemies, yet often fighting and defeating greatly superior numbers and always scattering and demoralizing the enemy as they go.

The friends of Gen. Burnide intend to hold Secretary Stanton to his noble pledge—that he always reward gallantry and success in the field by promotion; and will ask for Gen. Burnide the rank of Major-General, for the responsibilities of which he has proved himself so capable.

ESTIMATED PRICE OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

The distribution among the members of both Houses on the first day of the session, by the Street Railroad Company of this city, of complimentary passes over their road, would seem to indicate that in question does not consider itself as against and against legislation as its legislative duties, and is indicative of the value which such companies place upon the consciences of legislators. It may be that a five-cent ride will convert a member of Congress into a tool of a Corporation; but we estimate the value and the sense of our representatives at a higher rate.

MORE TROUBLE WITH THE INDIANS.

Information has been received by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the effect that Little Caow, principal Chief of the Sioux Indians, has left Dacotah with twenty-five hundred warriors, for Devil's Lake, where it is said preparations are being made for a grand attack on the frontier settlements by the hostile Indians of the Northwest.

PAPER FROM INDIAN CORN BUSHES.

Commissioner Norton, of the Agricultural Department, received this morning from Dr. A. R. A. Von Wassenaer, Director of the Imperial Printing Establishment in Vienna, a number of specimens of paper, manufactured from the husks of Indian corn. Also, specimens of yarn, linen cloth, &c., made out of the same material. Also specimens of maize flour, (the only nutritive substance of the corn-husks) obtained from the mass.

The paper has the appearance (and apparently the durability) of parchment, and for printing purposes is excellent, as is shown by some of the samples which have been taken—these are the impression of the type being a great deal clearer than on paper manufactured from cotton rags.

The most remarkable thing in regard to the process of its manufacture is simplicity. The humblest laborer can learn the process of manufacture after an hour's instruction, and is enabled to effect the production of any of the above-named articles in the cornfield itself, without the slightest expense.

In view of the high price of paper for printing purposes and the scarcity of material for its manufacture, the introduction of this article into the market would work a complete revolution in the production of the article.

THE CALIFORNIA LAND TITLES.

The resolution of Senator McDonald, introduced yesterday, calling upon the Attorney-General for a return of the amount of money paid for the investigation of the land titles in California, and other legal cases connected therewith, is a drive at the present Secretary of War, who, it is said, was employed and received in some of those cases upwards of \$25,000.

It appears that the Secretary of the Navy has appointed a very large number of Midshipmen to the Naval Military Academy without authority, and a resolution was yesterday offered in the House calling upon him for information. It is also stated that appointments have been made from localities where the parties did not reside. There is a good deal of feeling among the members in regard to the matter, and they are determined to probe it to the bottom.

A SICK SOLDIER DYING IN PRISON.

An invalid soldier was recently sent here without the proper pass, and was thrown into the guard-house, while suffering from an acute diarrhoea, and left in an unattended cell, without attention for several days, till he was finally found dead one morning on the floor. Such a case is a disgrace to the authorities, and should receive rigid investigation.

REMOVAL OF THE SICK.

Several hundred convalescents were to be sent today to their homes in the Army of the Potomac, from the hospitals here.

SUICIDE OF CAPT. ELWOOD.

A good deal of excitement is caused by the suicide, last night, of Capt. J. E. Elwood, an inmate of the Carroll Prison, adjoining the Old Capitol. Capt. Elwood was an officer of the regular army, and was for some time Mustering and Disbursing Officer, but about a month since he was arrested, and placed on duty in New-York. While there he was selected as Colonel of one of the New-York Regiments, but shortly afterwards was arrested by order of the Secretary of War, and committed to this prison, in which he has been kept in close confinement for about three months. He was a native of Pennsylvania, known to a large circle of acquaintances, and very popular among his friends, and great complaint has been made in consequence of the rigor of his confinement upon unknown charges. This last feeling will be somewhat modified when it becomes known that his guilt, generously discovered by partial friends, was acknowledged during his confinement. In a written confession of frauds on the Government, which he afterwards endeavored to recall, but was unable to rescue from the inexorable grasp of the War Office. The suicide was committed by severing the jugular vein with a pocket knife, and he was this morning found dead in his cell. A military inquest was held on the body.

CAPTURES ON THE LOWER POTOMAC.

Nine white and two colored men were captured last night at Kettle Bottom Shoals, on the Lower Potomac, while trying to cross the river into Virginia. A rebel mail was also captured. The parties were sent to the Old Capitol Prison.

CLOTHING DEALERS ARRESTED.

Col. Baza to-day caused the following clothing dealers, of the "Jewish persuasion," to be arrested and confined in the Central Guard-house, for purchasing uniforms of deserters and supplying them with plain clothes instead, thereby facilitating their escape: Wm. Wolfshum, Charles Hallen, Wasenahsen, B. Trothman, C. C. Merrill, D. Eichengreen, J. Eichengreen. Proof was procured by detectives dressing in uniform and engaging in the traffic followed by these persons.

SMALL-POX AMONG THE CONTRABANDS.

The small-pox is raging among the contrabands at Alexandria, Va., and a new hospital, designed especially for their accommodation, is being erected there. The deaths among the negroes from this disease, during the past week, averaged one daily.

DISMISSALS AND PROMOTION.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, 1 Washington City, Nov. 26, 1862.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 365.—Extract.—The following officers, by direction of the President, dismissed the service of the United States:

AMERICAN-SUPREMACY DISTRICT REGULARS, Twelfth Virginia Infantry, for absence from duty, Nov. 22, 1862. The following promotion is published for the information of all concerned:

Dr. W. G. Baldwin to be First Assistant-Surgeon of the Second Regiment of Columbia Volunteers, for assistance given E. G. Lane, resigned, to date from Nov. 24, 1862.

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THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 3.

THE CASE OF GEN. PORTER.

The Court-Martial trying Fort-John Porter met again to-day, when charges and specifications were exhibited against him by Brig. Gen. Rosecrans, Inspector-General of Porter's army, and read. In connection with the violation of the sixth article of war, he is charged with disobeying several important orders of his superior, in front of the enemy—failing to push forward his forces into action on the enemy's flank or rear; permitting one of the brigades of his command to march to Centerville, out of the way of the field of battle, and there to remain during the entire day of the 30th of August; this at near Centreville Station, on the 29th and 30th of August, &c. He is also charged with a violation of the fifty-second article of war, in refusing to attack the enemy while within sight of the field, and in full hearing of the artillery of the battle; there and then shamefully disobeying and retreating from the advancing forces of the enemy, without any attempt to engage them, or aid the troops who were already fighting greatly superior numbers, and were relying on the flank attack he was thus ordered to make to secure a decisive victory, &c. To these charges Gen. Porter pleaded "Not guilty."

RECENT NAVAL OPERATIONS.

Acting Rear-Admiral S. P. Lee, has forwarded to the Navy Department the report of Commander Foxhall A. Parker, of the particulars of his recent expedition into the waters of Mathews County, Va., in connection with the land forces under Brig. Gen. Nagle.

On the night of the 22d ult., he received on board of his steamer, the *Makaka*, 300 infantry, under Maj. Cunningham, of the Fifty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, and accompanied by the *Gen. Putnam* and a small brig, the *May Queen*, on which latter vessel embarked a rifled howitzer, sailed for Mobjack Bay. On arriving at East River, the land forces were disembarked at a fine wharf two miles from Mathews County-house. To the land forces twenty-seven with a 12-pound Dahlgren were added, and this expedition scoured the surrounding country, destroying vessels, &c.

The *Putnam*, with a howitzer boat, and a detachment of seamen from the *Makaka*, continued up the river on a similar expedition. Before returning, the two together destroyed twelve wharves, and between three and four hundred bushels of corn, five schooners, two sloops, and a number of scows and boats, and captured a lighter, and twenty-four large canoes, some of them capable of carrying twenty-four men each. They also destroyed a staunch vessel on the stocks, said to have been designed for a privateer.

The Navy Department has information of the capture of the schooner *Annie Dees* by the United States gunboat *Sydney*, on the 17th ult., while trying to run the blockade of Charleston harbor. Her cargo consisted of 125 barrels of turpentine, and 66 barrels of resin. Among those on board of her were four persons, believed to be pilots for vessels trying to run the blockade there.

REVENUE DECISIONS.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has made the following decisions: Publishers of printed books, magazines, pamphlets, newspapers, reviews, and all other similar publications, are liable to assessment as dealers. If the sales of a publisher to those who buy to sell again, or if this part of his business is considerable, so that he procures stock and arranges his business with reference to such sales, he should be classed as a wholesale dealer, even though a portion of his sales is to those who buy for their own use.

The Commissioner also decides—The articles produced by job printers, lithographers and engravers, which are made upon specified orders, and known as articles of commerce, are exempt from duty, as manufacturers. Job printers, engravers and lithographers, whose business is confined to the production of articles covered by the foregoing rule of exemption, are not liable to assessments as manufacturers.

THE CONVULSANT CAMP.

Representatives Covens and Green, members of the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War, having heard unfavorable accounts respecting the condition of the convalescent camp near Alexandria, visited this afternoon for personal inspection. They found that a large number of soldiers there are totally incapacitated for active service, and should be promptly discharged, while they discovered abuses which they will make an early effort to remove. They attach no blame whatever to Col. Braxton, the officer in charge, being satisfied that he has done the best he could under the circumstances. There are over 10,000 convalescent recruits, &c., at the camp, of whom 2,000 are from Pennsylvania.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Mr. Hale, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.) offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of War to inform the Senate if the provisions of the act passed last session, making appropriation for the purchase of land, &c., in Portsmouth Harbor, N. H., have been executed; and if not, why not. Agreed to.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 3.

The House of Representatives met at 10 o'clock, and the Speaker, Mr. Schuchert, presided.

CLOSING OF THE SENATE.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Dec. 3.

The Canal Commissioners have resolved to close the State Canal on the 10th of December.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—BONNETTI'S OPERA.

"La Favorita" was produced here last evening to a fashionable audience, attracted by the novelty of Mme. GUTTAFFRILLA's appearance in a fresh part. The role of the heroine, we believe, entirely new to the lady, and has been studied in more than the usual haste. It follows that Mme. GUTTAFFRILLA does not so entirely at her ease, especially as the music is, at best, too low for her voice. Under these circumstances the performance is entitled to a large share of commendation, when we remember, too, that it was also good of its kind, and particularly touching as a dramatic picture. Mme. GUTTAFFRILLA's forte lies in a softer style of music, and acting than that involved in the character of *Lorenza*, especially with regard to the latter part of the opera, "La Favorita." Nevertheless, the lady's performance was a good one, and we are glad to see all her talents, and that she may, advantageously, play the role of *Lorenza*. In the third act, the lady introduced a song, which, by her own admission, was not her own, and which she sang with marked effect.

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COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS.—Messrs. Harlan, (Chairman), Sumner, Morrill, Howard and Bayard.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.—Messrs. Doolittle, (Chairman), Wilkinson, Chase, Harlan, Harlan, Nesmith, Davis, and Wilson of Missouri.

COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS.—Messrs. Foster, (Chairman), Lane, of Indiana, Howe, Wilcox, Pomeroy, Salisbury, and Wiley.

COMMITTEE ON REVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS.—Messrs. King, (Chairman), Chandler, Wilkinson, Hale and Nesmith.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.—Messrs. Clarke, (Chairman), Howe, Wilcox, Pomeroy, Field, Arnold and Latham.

COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Messrs. Grimes, (Chairman), Dixon, Morrill, Wade, Anthony, Keiser, and Henderson.

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS AND THE PATENT OFFICE.—Messrs. Cowan, (Chairman), Sumner, Harlan, Field and Salisbury.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.—Messrs. Foot, (Chairman), Anthony, Chandler, Kennedy and Henderson.

COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIES.—Wade, (Chairman), Wilkinson, Hale, Browning, Lane of Kansas, Carlisle, and Wilson of Missouri.

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT AND CONTROL THE CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE.—Messrs. Dixon, (Chairman), Clark and Harding.

COMMITTEE ON ENGLISH BILLS.—Messrs. Lane of Indiana, (Chairman), Latham, Arnold and Harding.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Various Committees were called upon for reports, but none were made.

MR. CALVERT, of Maryland, (Union), offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling upon the Commissioner of Patents to inform the House what amount of the agricultural fund has been expended since the first of January last to the time when the accounts and books were transferred to the Commissioner of Agriculture, specifying the items, and whether any contracts are unliquidated; if so, what is the amount due and for what; also, that the Commissioner of Agriculture inform the House what amount of the agricultural fund has been expended under his directions, specifying the amounts, &c.

MR. HOLMAN, of Indiana, (Rep.), offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to report a bill so amending the fifth section of the act entitled "An act authorizing the employment of volunteers to enforce the laws and protect the public property," approved July 22, 1861, so as to allow volunteers who have or may hereafter be honorably discharged on account of their wounds or other disability arising from actual service, such part of the bounty of \$400 provided for under said section as shall be proportioned to the time of actual service.

MR. LORAN, of Illinois, (Rep.), and Mr. OLIVER, of New-York, (Rep.), offered the resolution in its present form, when Mr. Holman modified it so as to instruct the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of reporting such a bill.

The resolution was then adopted.

A few minutes after 12 o'clock the House adjourned.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

FORTRESS MONROE, Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The British frigate *Calliope* left here yesterday afternoon; also, the steamboat *New-York*, Annapolis, with all the prisoners brought from this point.

CHARLES TUCKER, of the Thirty-eighth Massachusetts, and GEORGE GILBERT, one hundred and sixteenth New-York, died at Chesapeake Hospital on the 1st inst.

The Wilmington (N. C.) *Daily Journal*, of Nov. 25, says: "A dispatch from Fort Fisher this morning says all is quiet below. The *Providence* and *Levi* went to sea safely last night."

Gen. D. R. Jones is in Richmond sick. There are but slight hopes of his recovery.

A Confederate States paper is now the leading idea among the "ragamuffin" minds of the South.

Hon. J. E. HARRIS, Confederate Collector of the Port of New-Orleans, has opened a collection office at Baton Rouge, and is doing a regular business.

Steamer *Albatross* was run ashore and sunk on the Bahamas yesterday. She was sent in Scotland for running the blockade.

The Raleigh (N. C.) *Freemason*, of Nov. 27, says, Major-Gen. G. W. Smith is in Petersburg, and in command of a force sufficient to protect the approach to Richmond in that direction.

The Richmond *Litigator*, of Nov. 27, says, the next session of the Confederate Congress commences at Richmond on the second Monday in January.

The same paper says: "We learn that BARRY SNOW, recently one of Gen. WINDLE's officers, is flourishing in Washington, D. C., as a critic for the *Yankee* Government."

The Charleston *Courier*, of Nov. 25, says: "The enemy have from ten to fifteen vessels lying in sight of this city, where they have been allowed to stay for months, notwithstanding our having means for reaching and striking every vessel with our great battery to our advantage. Mr. Mallory's waiting for all of LINCOLN'S frigates to be sunk."

CLOSING OF THE SENATE.—ALBANY, Wednesday, Dec. 3.

The Canal Commissioners have resolved to close the State Canal on the 10th of December.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—BONNETTI'S OPERA.—"La Favorita" was produced here last evening to a fashionable audience, attracted by the novelty of Mme. GUTTAFFRILLA's appearance in a fresh part.

The role of the heroine, we believe, entirely new to the lady, and has been studied in more than the usual haste. It follows that Mme. GUTTAFFRILLA does not so entirely at her ease, especially as the music is, at best, too low for her voice.

Under these circumstances the performance is entitled to a large share of commendation, when we remember, too, that it was also good of its kind, and particularly touching as a dramatic picture.

Mme. GUTTAFFRILLA's forte lies in a softer style of music, and acting than that involved in the character of *Lorenza*, especially with regard to the latter part of the opera, "La Favorita." Nevertheless, the lady's performance was a good one, and we are glad to see all her talents, and that she may, advantageously, play the role of *Lorenza*.

In the third act, the lady introduced a song, which, by her own admission, was not her own, and which she sang with marked effect.

It rarely happens that Signor BONNETTI is heard to such advantage as in the opera. He was in regularity good voice last evening, and gave great breadth and effect to the music.

In the last act his *Soprano* was triumphantly needed, and he did not fail in any other kind of composition. Signor BONNETTI and Signor ALBERTO sustained the roles of *Braccio* and *Alfonso*—the best-laid gentlemen with his own largeness of style and width of voice, and the latter easily but rather tenderly. The chorus did not display much strength or precision, the orchestra, under Mr. MEYER, was good.

The opera was well repeated on Friday evening, and on Saturday "Dinorah" will be played at the theatre.

MR. JONES' DEPARTURE.—MR. T. MASON JONES will deliver his lecture on "SWIFT and his Critics" at the Academy of Music to-night.

"DINORAH" AT THE FLORENCE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—MEXICO'S new opera of a "Dinorah" will be played here, to-night, for the first and only time during the season. The expense of transporting the scenery and the inconvenience and danger to which the boat is subjected in crossing the ferry, will make it impossible to repeat "Dinorah" in the City of Churches.

GERMAN OPERA.—MR. ANSCHUTZ, the infatigable and admirable conductor of this establishment, will take his benefit here, to-night. BISMARCK'S opera of "Fidelio" is selected for the occasion.

IRVING HALL.—MISS TERESA CARRENO, the child pianist, will give her fourth concert here, to-night, assisted by a fine array of talent.

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For the Benefit of the
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CHILDREN OF DECEASED OR DISABLED
PARENTS.
To continue one week, commencing
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Single Admission, 10 cents; Family Ticket, 25 cents.

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Season Tickets for males at the
FIFTH-AVENUE HOTEL,
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ST. NICHOLAS,
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Great enthusiasm at the VOCAL GYMNASIUM, 25 East 42d Street, New York, for the complete course in Vocal Gymnastics, Elocution and Callisthenics. Special attention given to the culture and development of the voice. Vocal Gymnastics, the science of voice culture, careful and methodical, and prevent disease of the throat and lungs. Stammering radically cured. The eye and ear exercises. **FREE TRIAL LESSONS.**

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Mrs. J. R. PLUMB (graduate of Dr. Die L. Physical Institute of Boston) will instruct a class in above J. WOOD'S Gymnasium, No. 6 East 24th Street, New York. Circulars sent on application.

THE PAIR FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUNG MEN.

At the UNION HOME SCHOOL, for the educational maintenance of the children of our Volunteers, 25 East 42d Street, Circulars sent on application. For more particulars, All Societies, Sunday Schools and Individuals working for it, are requested to send in their donations as far as possible, in order that the church may be ranged.

THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH.

THE MEDIATOR will hold a Fair for the use of the ladies of the church, corner of Lexington and 30th Streets, New York, on **WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, December 10, 11 and 12, 1890.** Admission 10 cents; from N. Y. to N. P. M. Tickets, Admission 10 cents.

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 No. 304 5th-av., corner of 36th-st.
 The afternoon classes on **WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS** having commenced, the evening classes will commence on **MONDAY, Dec. 1**, to meet on **DAYS and THURSDAYS at 8 P. M.**
 Circular of terms, &c., may be had at the Academy.

BALLS.

THE 34TH ANNUAL BALL OF THE
YOUNG MEN'S DEPARTMENT OF THE ORDER OF THE
WIDOWS and ORPHANS OF DECEASED
MEN, will take place on
FRIDAY, JAN. 26, 1883,
at the ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
 Tickets may be procured of the Managers, or of
 the following ladies:

C. GODFREY GENTHER, President. No. 3 Maiden-lane.
JAS. F. WENMAN, Secretary. No. 16 Pearl-st.
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AT NO. 125 EAST FORTY-SETH-ST. furnished rooms to let, with board, to gentlemen, single or single gentlemen, the rooms are neatly furnished, and the board is good. No company as there will be few taken. Terms \$5 to \$10, dinner extra.

SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATIONS. For gentlemen at No. 42 Clinton-place, corner of University-place. Transient per diem \$2 per day. CHARLES KEELER, Proprietor.

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL AND STATISTICAL SOCIETY.—A social meeting of the society will be held in their rooms, Clinton Hall, THIRDS, on the 4th of December, at 8 o'clock.

WM. COVENTRY H. WADELL, Recording Secy.

THE MISSISSIPPI EXPEDITION.

Great Preparations Made for Opening the River—Incidents of a Journey from La Grange to Newbern, Ala.

From Our Special Correspondent.

HAZARDOUS KNOWN BARRIERS, ALEX. KAY, ARKANSAS, TEXAS, MISSISSIPPI, NOVEMBER, 1862.

My last letter to you was dated at La Grange, in Tennessee, a point whose distance from the river, measured along an air line, is not greater than a day's journey for a good horse, but which, measured along the only accessible route, is truly really than from Boston to St. Louis. You take the cars at La Grange in the morning, and that same day, if lucky, you can make Grand Junction, distant three miles. That same evening the traveler leaves Grand Junction, and proceeding up the Mississippi Central Railroad, will probably "make" Jackson the next morning. At 12 noon, he takes another train, and, if no delays occur, he gets to the Mississippi River, at Columbus, the same night. From that point to this, the rate of progress is variable and uncertain, depending altogether upon the number of times the boat runs aground and the length of time required in each case to get agfloat; the latter operation, by the way, I have observed, depends much upon the aptitude for bluster and profanity possessed by the mate. Our mate could curse everything blue in less than ten minutes, and, in consequence, our landing upon sand-bars was generally short, exceeding in no case more than twenty hours.

The plan when we struck was, that the pilots, engineers and Captain immediately went into the cabin to take a general drink, turning the boat over to the mate. The latter commenced his part of the necessary performance by picking up a handspike and knocking down all the deck hands within reach, damming the white Captain, pilot, river, sandbars, his eyes, in fact, everything and everybody that happened to occur to him at the moment. Then the spars were launched, and after a good deal of hauling and pulling, yoh-heave-ehing, accompanied with universal cursing all around, the knocking down or overboard of a few more deck hands by the mate, and a few side fights among the deck hands themselves, the boat would be spawped off and progress resumed, and continued until interrupted by another sandbar or a wood landing.

On our boat the passengers amused themselves as best they could. A half dozen tables were surrounded by gentlemen, who, with figured pieces of prestidigit, were settling the possession of small piles of circular red and white pieces of ivory, technically known as "chips." Of course the play was only to pass the time, with just stakes enough to add a slight zest to the amusement;—in short, it was merely a "little game of poker, to kill time."

At one table, I noticed a sleepily-looking individual with a broken nose, another with long white fingers and a Chatham-street cast of countenance, playing with a beef contractor of no marked expression, but whose chief virtue consisted in a well-stuffed wallet. They were having a quiet little game of poker, just to kill time, when Chatham-street dealt the contractor four "tens." Contractor endeavored to look unconcerned, and "swelled" the "pile" a dollar. With the broken nose "passed out," and then Chatham-street, after apparently being astonished at the boldness of the other, and studying intently his "hand," remarked that he believed Contractor was bluffing, and then "saw" his dollar and "went" him five "better." Contractor made that "raise" good, and took one card. Chatham-street took the same number, and Contractor had the "age," when the other bet a "chip." The first "saw" the "chip" and "raised" it ten dollars. Chatham-street responded and raised him twenty-five. Contractor began to look nervous, but thinking the other might be "bluffing," came out with his wallet, "saw" the twenty-five and "raised" fifty. The fifty came up, and after a raise of fifty more. Contractor grew scared, but, after considerable hesitation, "saw" the fifty and "called" his opponent. The latter displayed four queens, the game ended by Contractor leaving the table in much tribulation and disgust. A few minutes later I walked out on the guards, where I saw the gentleman with the broken nose and him of the white fingers dividing a roll of bills—each stowed a fat roll in his right-hand vest pocket, and then, with an air of calm composure, walked in the cabin and patronized the barkeeper to the extent of a pair of whisky-straight and another of cigars.

To cut the matter of the journey to this point short, I will only add that I left La Grange Sunday morning and reached this place the next Saturday night. I came here, intending to accompany the Grand Expedition southwards, whose object is supposed to be the much talked of movement called "opening the Mississippi River." The Northwest, having fought tolerably well during the war, and being of some slight consequence in a physical point of view, the magnates of eastern and other railroads have, it seems, at length concluded to yield to its wishes, and allow the river to be opened. Accordingly, orders to that effect were issued some two months ago, and the plan of "opening the Mississippi" was immediately commenced. The commander of the expedition, with commendable activity, instantly started for the capital of a prominent Western State, where he commenced "opening the river," by engaging rooms at the best hotel in town, where he still remains—engaged in the same business—opening the river. Other necessary operations were not neglected to insure success in opening the river. Several of the gunboats came from Memphis, and below, up to Cairo, and received a new coat of paint—all the officers of the land forces who could, immediately obtained a twenty day furlough, and left for home, while at the same time Gen. Curtis, in order to expedite the opening of the river, ordered Gen. STEELE, at Helena, to report immediately with all his available forces at St. Louis, which at the time, was in great danger from a regiment of guerrillas under HIRSHMAN at Little Rock, Ark., and who, any moment, might cross the thousand miles or so that separated him from St. Louis, and capture that city without warning.

Nor was this all that was done to make sure the process of opening the river. Gen. STEELE and command upon arriving at St. Louis, were immediately sent back to Helena by Gen. HALL, LOCK, and at the same time an expedition went down the river to capture Arkansas Post, an important rebel position, a short distance from the Mississippi, on the Arkansas River. In order that an important operation might not fail, the following special order was issued:

HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS, NOVEMBER 18, 1862.

SPECIAL FIELD ORDER, NO. 1.—The following signals and orders will be observed:

1.—A white flag, 2.—A red flag, 3.—A green flag, 4.—A blue flag, 5.—A yellow flag, 6.—A black flag, 7.—A purple flag, 8.—A brown flag, 9.—A pink flag, 10.—A grey flag, 11.—A silver flag, 12.—A gold flag, 13.—A diamond flag, 14.—A star flag, 15.—A cross flag, 16.—A crescent flag, 17.—A triangle flag, 18.—A circle flag, 19.—A square flag, 20.—A rectangle flag, 21.—A parallelogram flag, 22.—A trapezoid flag, 23.—A pentagon flag, 24.—A hexagon flag, 25.—A heptagon flag, 26.—An octagon flag, 27.—A nonagon flag, 28.—A decagon flag, 29.—A hendecagon flag, 30.—A dodecagon flag, 31.—A triskaidecagon flag, 32.—A tetraidecagon flag, 33.—A pentadecagon flag, 34.—A hexadecagon flag, 35.—A heptadecagon flag, 36.—An octadecagon flag, 37.—A enneadecagon flag, 38.—Atriacontagon flag, 39.—A tetracontagon flag, 40.—A pentacontagon flag, 41.—A hexacontagon flag, 42.—A heptacontagon flag, 43.—An octacontagon flag, 44.—A nonacontagon flag, 45.—Atriacontagon flag, 46.—A tetracontagon flag, 47.—A 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DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND.

GEN. ROSECRANS' ARMY.

Great Desolation at the South—Delay in the Repair of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad—Rebel Guerrillas at Columbia, Ky.—Filling up the Regiments, &c., &c.

Since I wrote you yesterday, I have had an interview with a gentleman who has recently, after much difficulty, made his way through the rebel lines, to this place. He is a resident of this State, and his statements may be relied on. He represents the rebels as a South, both citizens and soldiers, as being in a deplorable state of suffering and destitution. He thinks it next to impossible for the rebel army to be kept together during the winter, for want of food and clothing; the soldiers, he says, are so ragged that they are a shock to decent sensibility to visit their camps, while the citizens are in many localities in a state of abject want. What supplies in the shape of clothing, food, &c., are sent to the rebels, are all articles of comfort and necessity. Many of the supplies, in fact, captured by the rebels during their raid into Kentucky, never reached the point of their destination, having been retaken at various points by our troops, or destroyed in consequence of their inability to take them further. He represents the condition of the country in the interior of the South as presenting one wide-spread scene of desolation and wretchedness, famine striking the people in the face, and crime of every description reveling unchecked throughout the land. Our friends held as prisoners at Tusculoo, he says, are most inhumanly treated, being denied the privileges of papers and medicine, and not even allowed to write letters to their friends, while they are often shot by the guards for venturing to the window for a look upon the outer world.

Confederate notes and shillings have become so common and abundant that they are becoming utterly worthless, even if the articles they need were plentiful. The impropriety of a further issuance of these notes, except for a basis to borrow upon, at whatever rates of interest may be demanded, he says is seriously admitted by Southern financiers. The rebels, according to our informant, are preparing to fall back toward the Gulf as we approach, and to take with them everything in the shape of movable property that they can possibly convey, burning and destroying bridges and railroads as they retire. He states positively that the rebel army is evacuating Murfreesboro, and that all the negroes, horses and cattle, and all the provisions in that section are being rapidly hurried to the interior. He states that they still cling to the idea that they will be recognized by foreign Powers, and that they rely upon that as the source of their national existence.

If Gen. Rosecrans were now prepared to hurl the power of his immense army against them while in their state of conservation, and before they could get to the interior, the war in the South would be virtually closed in a brief time. But at present he cannot move in force into the enemy's country. Railroad or river facilities are indispensable to such a step. Neither of these has; both we will have very soon. The Louisville papers of the 21st stated that the tunnel on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad would be completed, and that the cars would run through from Louisville to Nashville on the 23d. The announcement was premature, though the work will be finished, and the cars running in a short time. A large number of new wagons and teams, rendered essential by the increase of the army, and the immense camp transportation indispensable in consequence, are on the way to the command, and will arrive in a few days.

From Nashville we have nothing of special interest this morning. One of Gen. Rosecrans' Staff arrived here yesterday evening from the city. He states that Parson Brownson's speech, on the evening of the 21st, was a decided success, and that an immense crowd gathered to hear him. He says that the intrepid patriot is now sanguine that he will soon be enabled to accompany our army, as it carries relief to the oppressed people of East Tennessee, and again fulminate through the Knoxville *Wing* and on the streets of Knoxville his anathemas against treason and traitors. May the patriot not be disappointed.

News has just been received here of the capture and killing of some of our friends near Columbia, Ky., by the rebel guerrillas. According to the report received, YOUNG BRAMLETTE, son of Col. BRAMLETTE, of Columbia, started from that town with fifty-five Union Guards, for the purpose of capturing some rebel stock which was represented as being kept in the Cumberland Bottoms. The expedition had proceeded but ten or twelve miles east of Columbia, when it was surprised by the notorious CHAMP FANNON, at the head of 600 rebel cavalry. The rebels suddenly attacked our friends, killing 16 of the party, among whom was BRAMLETTE himself. The others escaped in the direction of Columbia.

The Kentucky Colonels held a meeting yesterday, for the purpose of deliberating upon the most speedy and effective means of recruiting and filling up their regiments. Their regiments were represented in the meeting. A committee was appointed to draw up a petition to Gen. Rosecrans, requesting the privilege of being permitted to return to Kentucky for the purpose of filling up their regiments, it being agreed that such regiments as could not be filled were to be consolidated with other regiments. The committee presented the following as their report, it is to be immediately presented to Gen. ROSECRANS.

We, the undersigned officers, commanding Kentucky regiments of the United States Army, now in the field, having been for the purpose of consulting to the present condition of the regiments under our command, and the best means of rendering them effective for future service, have given the subject of the deliberation of the committee, and have, in accordance with the instructions of the Commanding General, respectfully submit to the Commanding General the following views and suggestions.

1. We are of opinion that the regiments are in numbers by sickness, death, desertion and discharges, and other causes, as to be almost inefficient for active service. If any, any number, over 100 men are present, and from 100 to 200 men are present, and from 200 to 300 men are present, and from 300 to 400 men are present, and from 400 to 500 men are present, and from 500 to 600 men are present, and from 600 to 700 men are present, and from 700 to 800 men are present, and from 800 to 900 men are present, and from 900 to 1000 men are present, and from 1000 to 1100 men are present, and from 1100 to 1200 men are present, and from 1200 to 1300 men are present, and from 1300 to 1400 men are present, and from 1400 to 1500 men are present, and from 1500 to 1600 men are present, and from 1600 to 1700 men are present, and from 1700 to 1800 men are present, and from 1800 to 1900 men are present, and from 1900 to 2000 men are present, and from 2000 to 2100 men are present, and from 2100 to 2200 men are present, and from 2200 to 2300 men are present, and from 2300 to 2400 men are present, and from 2400 to 2500 men are present, and from 2500 to 2600 men are 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day were at 147 1/2 cent; and Merchant bills at 145@146 1/2 cent. After the close of the regular

Change hour, the market was weaker on the reaction to Gold at the second session of the Stock Board. The price of Money is $6\frac{3}{4}$ cent. to the Brokers, and the supply easy. The Treasury is still paying $4\frac{3}{4}$ cent. on temporary Deposits, either in United States Notes of lawful tender, or in American Gold Coin, at 10 days' notice after 30 days. The Certificates on the Deposit of Gold Coin will be made in denominations suitable for

The following are the bids made to-day for the City Bank Shares:

New-York	107	Chatham	90
Manhattan	122 1/2	Bank of the Republic	99
Mechanics'	118	Metro-politan	104
Min	103 1/2	Times	90
City	111	Grocers'	99
Traders	100	Nassau	98
Greenwich	160	Shoe and Leather	101

Barriers and Drawers	119	Corn Exchange	100
Bank of Exchange	90	Continental	90
Commerce	86 1/2	St. Nicholas	97
American Exchange	97		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages, most of which are firm and in request :

N. Y. Cen. & H.	106	Chi. & N. W. G. B. ext.	86
N. Y. Cen. & H.	106	Chi. & N. W. Appl. ext.	85
N. Y. Cen. & H.	114	Chi. & N. W. 1st. Bos.	87
N. Y. Cen. & H.	114	Chi. & N. W. 2nd. Bos.	87
Erie third	107 1/2	Chi. & N. W. 3rd.	87 1/2
Erie fourth	110 1/2	Chi. & Wab. sec.	91
Erie fifth	107 1/2	Chi. & Wab. sec.	91
Erie sixth	107 1/2	Chi. & Wab. sec.	91
Erie seventh	107 1/2	Chi. & Wab. sec.	91

Hudson firsts, '89	115%	M. & P. Bu. Chn. firsts	163%
Hudson thirds, '75	101%	Gal. & Chn. firsts	109
Hudson Converts, '67	87	Gal. & Chn. firsts, Ext	110
Harlan thirds, '68	32%	Gal. & Chn. seconds	199
Mich. Cen. & Pct., '69-'72	112	Chi. & R. 1. Arms	103%
Mich. Cen. n. l. & c. '82-112		Cleve. & Tol. s. f.	163%

C., Bar. & Q. No. 1st 57.114	N. Jer. Cen. firsts ..110
Mich. So. 1 st seconds 1936	N. Jer. Cen. seconds....tt3
N. Ind. Goschenline 48.160	Pitts. F. W. & C. 1st 108
M. S. & N. 1 st f. 103	Pitts. F. W. & C. 2d .. 83

and Festival in aid of the Mount

Th. Geo. & A. Co.	307	Clev. & Pitts. firsts	102
St. C. & A. R. R.	188	Clev. & Pitts. seconds	101
T. H. & S. S. P. R.	79 1/2	Clev. & Pitts. fourths	72 1/2

The Toledo Road shows an increase in the traffic of November over the same month last season of \$37,000, and the Michigan Southern an increase of \$72,000. It is stated, unofficially, that the New-York Central, for the fiscal year ending 6th September, will report at the annual meeting of the Shareholders on Wednesday next, a gross

traffic of \$9,300,000, by far the largest sum ever earned in a single year by any road in this country, and that the Erie will show, for the first fiscal year of the new organization, ending 31st inst. \$8,700,000, which is larger than any previous year of the Central line. Both Roads add about \$2,000,000 each to their traffic of last year.

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer United States was as follows:

Receipts, \$2,154,890 83, including for customs \$74,000; payments, \$2,262,753 19; balance, \$10,117,411 80.

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GENERAL MARKETS.

New-York, Thursday, Dec. 4, 1862—6 P. M.

The reported receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been 37 bbls. Asnes 14,649 bbls. Flour, 44 bbls. and 455 bags Corn Meal 16,273 bushels. Wheat, 70,695 bushels. Corn, 6,700 bushels. Barley, 30,843 bushels. Oats, 13,425 bushels. Malt, 4,092 bks. Provisions, and 873 bbls. Whisky.

ASNES—Sales, 40 bbls. at \$8 50 inr Pots and 90 cts Pearls, 700 lbs.

COFFEE—Sales, 30 bags Java at 35c., and 100 bags Rio at 31c. $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

COTTON—In demand and is firm. Middling

SUPERFINE SALES, EMB. BARK.
 SUPERFINE STATE and Western Flour
 has been in active request to-day, at a further rise
 in prices of low grades of 5c. 610c. 7c. 11b. The re-
 ported sales since our last comprise 31,600 bushels
 including Superfine State at \$5 80c\$5 95; poor
 choice extra State at \$6 25c 40, chiefly at \$6 25c
 \$6 15; Superfine Western, inferior to choice at \$5 90c
 \$5 95; extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin
 &c., at \$4 12c\$4 25; round rosy extra Ohio, shipping
 barrels, at \$3 60c 90 90 90 90.
 Superfine State..... \$5 80c..... \$5 95 95
 State..... 5 90c..... 6 00
 Superfine Western..... 5 90c..... 6 15
 Illinois..... 6 25c..... 6 40c

Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, etc. 6.05 6.25
Extra Ohio, round, good, shippable 6.80 6.90
Extra Ohio, trade grades 6.95 6.25
Extra Genesee 6.50 6.50
Interior to Choice Extra Missouri 6.50 10.00
Southern Flour favors sellers decidedly. sales 2.00
bbls., at \$6.00-\$7.00 for poor to good superfine Bakers
more, etc. \$6.00-\$7.50 for fancy to choice brands
and good to extra quality. Family flour, 8.00
Canadian Flour continues in fair demand. 8.00
quantities, sales 1.00 bbls. extra, at \$10.25-\$5.25
bbl. Rye Flour is in request, at \$4.25-\$5.75 for fine
and superfine, 4.00 bbl. Corn Meal is stable and buoyant.

ant, at \$4 75 for Jersey; \$4 25 for Marsh's California
and \$4 25 for Brandywine. ¹/₂ bushel. Buckwheat flour
sells freely, at \$8 25 per 62 ¹/₂ lbs. 100 lbs.
The R. A. I. has a large quantity on request, and
again advanced. Sales since last time, 247,000
bushels, including White Western, at \$1 50 ¹/₂ ¹/₂ 32;
Amber Western at \$1 45 ¹/₂ ¹/₂ 48; Red Western, (Win-
ter), at \$1 39 ¹/₂ ¹/₂ 44; Amber Iowa and Wisconsin,
at \$1 35 ¹/₂ ¹/₂ 35; Milwaukee Club at \$1 24 ¹/₂ ¹/₂ 34; Chi-
cago Spring at \$1 19 ¹/₂ ¹/₂ 27. White State, \$1 50;
Amber State at \$1 46 ¹/₂ ¹/₂ 48 ¹/₂ bushel. Corn is
active and dearer. Sales, since last time, 185,000
bushels, including White Western, at \$1 75 ¹/₂ ¹/₂ 36;
Blue 73, for Eastern Millers, at \$1 60 ¹/₂ ¹/₂ 36.

sound: 76c. 47c. for yellow Western, and 52c. for White Western. 7 bushels. Rye is in fair request, a 53c. @ 95c., according to quality. 7 bushels. Oats for stock and human, including Canada at 55c. @ 60c. Western at 6c. @ 26c., and State at 65c. @ 67c. 7 bushels. The demand is mainly from Government buyers. Barley is in demand, at \$1 40@ \$1 65 7 bushels. Sales 8,600 bushels. 800 bushels Barley Mal were sold at \$1 67 7 bushels.

Stock of Wheat in Store at Milwaukee.

Nov. 29	 bushels	67,875
Nov. 22	 bushels	797,564

Breadstuffs Trade of Chicago, week ending Nov. 29.				
	1893.		1891.	
	Receiv.	Suppl. m.	Med. m.	Ships
Flour, bbls.	2,4392	32,613	37,711	4,638
Wheat, bushels.	163,847	286,750	271,150	134,151
Corn, bushels.	178,151	169,825	119,398	65,785
Oats, bushels.	99,667	65,350	19,519	6,000
Rye, bushels.	15,350	15,350	11,255	3,000
Barley, bushels.	19,278		3,988	

Stock of breadstuffs in store at Chicago, Nov. 29.

	Dec. 1.	Jan. 1.	1890	1889
Flour, bbls.	31,978	22,292	10,030	6,589
Wheat bush.	93,600	1,391,539	387,178	58,888

Corn, bush...1,349.29; 1,278.69 360.00; 19.90
HAY—North River sells freely, at 65c. @ 85c. 100 lbs.
HOPS—Continue in fair demand, at uniform prices
New Crop, 17c. @ 25c., according to quality, 100 lbs.
MOLASSES—Sales were light in private, at auction
No. 1, 30c. @ 35c. No. 2, 25c. @ 30c. No. 3, 20c. @ 25c.
31c. and 110 lbs. Cuba Muscovado, at 25c. @ 35c. 100
gallon.
PROVISIONS—Pork has been in fair demand, and
quoted a shade higher. Sales 1,000 bbls at \$13 25c.
\$13 37c., closing at \$13 37c. for Mess, and
\$11 50c. @ \$11 62c. for Prime 7 bbl. Cut Meat

are selling in lots at 74c. 75c. for Ham
and 37c. 44c. for Shoulders. * B. Bacon
continues in good demand at 74c. 79c. * B. sales
1,000 boxes. Lard is fairly good. * B. sales
salted corn, 100 bbls. 94c. 99c. * B. Beef
continues in moderate request at former rates. Sales,
since our last, 200 bbls. at \$13.50 \$14 for
Extra Mess, and \$12 \$13 for Plain Mess. * B.
hbl. Prime Mess, \$20 \$22 * B. lard, 100
\$22.50 \$25 7/8c. Beef Hams, \$16.50 \$18 * B. But-
ter is in good demand at 16c. 20c. for poor to
choice Western, and 21c. 25c. for common to choice
State. * B. Cheese continues plenty and heavy at 9c.

@12½¢. 每担。
 SUGAR.—Sales have been more extensive to-day, at about the former prices. The reported transactions reached 1,300 hhds., partly on speculation, including Cuba, at, in part, 9½¢; Porto Rico at 9½¢, and New-Orleans at 9½¢ to 10½¢. 每担。
 TALLOW.—Sales 75,000 lbs., at 10½¢ to 10½¢. 每担。
 WHISKY.—Sales 950 bbls., at 35½¢ to 39¢, chiefly at 39¢. 每加伦。
 WHEAT.—There was more animation in this market to-day. For Liverpool—American vessels took 2,000 bbls. Flour at 1s. 11d. to 2s.; 25,000 bushels Wheat at 73d. to 80d.; 7,000 bushels Corn at 74d., and 100 boxes Bacon at 20s.; and foreign vessels, 2,000 bbls.

Flour at 2s. 6d. @ 2s. 9d. 7,000 bushels Wheat at 4s. 6.
150 tons, Beef at 4s.; with 50 tons and 600 pigs. Pro-
visions at 32s. 6d. @ 35s. Fnr Londn—An American
vessel engaged 950 bushels Flour at 2s. 6d. and foreign
vessels, 500 tons, Beef at 4s. and 1,000 bags Clover
Seed at 37s. 6d. The charter included two foreign
berks, 200 Gals. for Cork and oilers, at 4s. 6d. 7
quarter; an American ship, with 40,000 bushels
Wheat; for Bellet, at 9d. 7 bushel, and a British
bark, with 30,000 bushels grain; for an Irish port. di-
rect, on private terms.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We have no telegrams from the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac this morning—a fact which possibly may indicate that some movement of importance is being made. Our special correspondence, given elsewhere, warrants the expectation of the speedy reception of stirring news. The rebels, in anticipation of an advance on Richmond by way of Petersburg, are said to be busily engaged in fortifying the latter place and the road between there and Richmond, by throwing up strong earthworks and digging rifle-pits. The military expedition under the command of Maj.-Gen. BAXTER took its departure from this port yesterday, and is now on its way to its destination. Before embarking, Gen. BAXTER was treated to an excursion and dinner on board the steamer *Winans* by many of the prominent citizens of this City. Mayor ORR presided at the table, and brief speeches were made by Gen. BAXTER, Gov. CURTIS, of Pennsylvania, and others.

Gen. GRANT informs the War Department that the rebels deserted their fortifications at Abbeville on the 2d inst., destroying all the stores they could not carry away with them. Some of our cavalry swam the Tallahatchie and occupied the place the same night, and on the 3d pursued the retreating rebels as far as Oxford, twenty-nine miles below Holly Springs, when some skirmishing took place with their rear guard, resulting in the capture of sixty rebels. The pursuit was to be continued yesterday. Gen. SHERMAN is announced as crossing the Tallahatchie at Wyat, a few miles west of Abbeville.

A letter dated Nashville, Nov. 27, says: "Gen. ROSSCRANS' army is working South gradually. The advance is some twenty miles below. The order for the whole advance is expected daily. Rain has fallen sufficiently to lay the dust, but not to affect the Cumberland. The Harpeth Shoals are higher and drier than known during many years past—there are but four inches in places, and the water is almost disinclined to run down hill."

Under date of Nashville, Nov. 24, Gen. ROSSCRANS issued a special order which reads thus: "The Commanding General notices with much pleasure the successful expedition sent out by Col. WM. P. CARLIN, commanding Thirty-first Brigade. Two regiments, Thirty-eighth Illinois and Fifteenth Wisconsin Volunteers, under Lieut.-Col. McKEE, having marched one hundred miles over muddy roads, through constant rains, without tents, have returned with 46 prisoners, 100 small arms, 18 horses, 22 mules, and a number of wagons, taken from the guerrillas who infest the country. This handsome little success shows what good infantry can do under an enterprising leader, and reflects much credit on all who were engaged in it."

The Nashville Union, of the 29th, gives the following details of the late skirmish near Lavergne, Tenn.: "Col. KIRK, of the Fortieth Illinois, commanding Fifth Brigade of Gen. SELL'S Division, made a reconnaissance on Thursday toward Lavergne with two companies of the Third Indiana Cavalry and two companies of his brigade not on picket duty. He came upon the rebel outpost of cavalry three-quarters of a mile beyond Scourville. The rebels fired a few rounds and fled until they fell in with their other outposts on the right and left of the road, when they made a stand at a church three-fourths of a mile beyond. Here they discharged several rounds at our advance, slightly wounding Lieut.-Col. HUNN, of the Thirtieth Indiana, who was bravely leading his men. This regiment, under lead of Col. DODGE, quickly drove the guerrillas from their position, who retreated until they reached their artillery, which was planted on the hill. They fired a few rounds and continued retreating. Our troops chased them some two miles beyond Lavergne, when the rebels fled so fast that they soon became invisible. Several of the rebels were killed and wounded, a number of them being seen to fall. They were carried off by their friends. We had ten private wounded; none killed. A guerrilla, who was captured, stated that Gen. WHEELER, who was in command, was wounded. The rebels had a 12-pounder, a 6-pounder smooth bore, 6-pounder rifle and a Perrot gun. There is said to be a rebel brigade five miles beyond Lavergne."

The St. Louis Democrat insists that Gen. MCNEIL was right in the execution of those "ten Confederate citizens," as JEFF. DAVIS styles them. It says: "Whatever peace we have in North Missouri is due to JOHN MCNEIL and ODD GILLES, more than to any other two living men, and this because their policy toward the rebels has been one of inexorable justice. The rebel who has shown himself unfit to live, by violating the most solemn obligation man can take, has had very little to hope for from these men. Such men have perished, as they should have perished, promptly, on falling into their hands. They are

to-day the most popular military men in the State, because they have not hesitated to take the responsibility of enforcing the laws of war as the surest road to peace. The prayers of thousands of loyal men, once driven from their homes by relentless persecution on the part of the rebels, now restored, and enabled to till their farms in peace, will ever go with them."

The Chicago Journal has information that the army of Gen. GRANT, which has been concentrating in Kentucky, has at last commenced the expected forward movement for the occupation of East Tennessee. There are many Illinois troops in this army.

Gov. JOHNSON and Gen. ROSSCRANS, in conjunction, have adopted a new line of policy for the protection of the country occupied by the Federal troops. A bond and guarantee of protection has been adopted which every citizen, irrespective of his past political predilections, is required to enter into, and failing to do which he will be sent without the Federal lines, and not allowed to return. The condition of the bond is that the party giving it shall be loyal to the Government, that he shall neither afford aid nor comfort to the rebels, and that he will not go within the rebel lines without consent of our Government.

It is rumored in St. Louis that Gov. GAMBLE has obtained a promise from the President that Missouri shall not be included in the emancipation proclamation, measures to that end being left to the Legislature.

Col. STOKES' regiment of cavalry, the First Tennessee, now at Nashville, is constantly receiving large accessions of recruits from East Tennessee. Thirty men came in from DeKalb County on Friday last.

We learn from Newbern, N. C., that our forces have recently taken possession of the village of Greenville, on the Tar River.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a resolution was adopted making inquiry as to the expediency of submitting appointments in the volunteer naval service to the Senate for confirmation. The Military Committee was instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill providing that soldiers shall be discharged within the limits of their own States. A joint resolution, referring so much of the President's Message as relates to emancipation, compensation and deportation to a Select Committee of three members of the Senate and five of the House, was laid over. A joint resolution, approving the President's policy in setting the slaves free in insurrectionary districts, was ordered to be printed. Mr. HALL introduced his bill relative to line officers of the navy, and it was referred. A resolution was offered by Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, and laid over, calling for all the information attainable relative to the movements of the Army of the Potomac and the surrender of Harper's Ferry. The death of Mr. THOMAS, of New-Jersey, was then announced, and after the customary proceedings in such cases, the Senate adjourned.

In the House, Mr. VAN WYCK gave notice of a bill to reduce the tax on hemlock tanned leather. A bill to grant the proceeds of certain public lands to aid in the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad, was referred to the Select Committee. Mr. WICKLIFFE, of Kentucky, offered a resolution making inquiries of the Judiciary Committee regarding the Military Government of the District of Columbia, and moved the previous question, which was not seconded. Mr. WYCK gave notice that he should offer the resolution every morning, if in order. It was, however, finally laid on the table, 85 to 46. Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, offered a resolution calling for an investigation in certain alleged land frauds, in which he was said, during the recent election canvass in Ohio, to have been concerned. The matter was not finally disposed of. The Military Committee was instructed to report as to the better care of sick and wounded soldiers. A resolution instructing the Military Committee to report on the propriety of dispensing with the West Point Military Academy, and endowing military schools in the several States instead, was negatived. A bill to reduce the rates of Congressional mileage was referred to the Military Committee. A proposition to aid the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to repair their road was tabled. The Committee on the Conduct of the War was instructed to inquire into the condition of the Convalescent Camp at Alexandria. Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, submitted resolutions, which were postponed until Tuesday of next week, declaring that the Union must be and remain one and indivisible forever. The Senate resolutions announcing the death of Mr. THOMAS, of New-Jersey, were received and acted upon, and the House adjourned.

GENERAL NEWS.

An influential meeting of the merchants of New-York was held at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, for the purpose of organizing material aid for the starving operatives of England. Mr. A. A. LOW presided, and addresses were made by Messrs. W. E. DONOR, S. B. ROGERS, S. B. CHITTENDEN, the Chair, JOSEPH H. STRONG, EZRA NIXON, and others. The most praiseworthy spirit of Christian charity was evinced toward the suffering masses of England, and a determination evinced to raise a subscription which shall do honor to the City, State, and Nation. Over twenty-five thousand dollars was raised on the spot, and a ship offered by Messrs. N. L. and G. G. GRISWOLD to carry the needed supplies to Liverpool.

The Board of Aldermen had a regular session at 1 o'clock P. M. yesterday, when they passed the resolution to donate \$50,000 to the Managers of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, toward the construction of a new building. A small amount of routine business was transacted and an adjournment made, but an hour later they met again, and by special call, when Mr. SMITH offered a resolution to give the salary of the late Superintendent of India and Places, THOMAS BYRNE, to his widow, for the remainder of the year. Mr. SMITH made a few remarks, expressing his deep regret at the unfortunate death of Mr. BYRNE, with whom, he said, he had always held an amicable relationship. The resolution was adopted unanimously, and the Board adjourned till 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The Aldermen met at noon yesterday, pursuant to law, and organized as City Canvassers, with Mr. BOOLE as Chairman. They immediately took up the returns from Mr. CHIEFF'S District, comprising portions of the Ninth and Fifteenth Wards, which had been taken up and returned ready for comparison. This District was canvassed completely, without discovering any material errors by 1 o'clock, when a brief recess was taken for the regular session. Afterward the returns from Mr. WATSON'S District were taken up and partially canvassed, and at 3 o'clock an adjournment was made till 10 o'clock A. M. to-day. The only result so far made clear is that for Alderman in the Seventh District, Mr. CHIEFF'S vote is 1,916 and Mr. GUNN'S is 1,341. During the session, the lobby was only moderately filled, but a result was before announced being otherwise met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The members were in fine humor, notwithstanding the fact that most of them go out of office this year, and on the entrance of Col. LEWIS, the feeling ran up to such a happy pitch that a recess of five minutes was taken to congratulate him on his election as Alderman of the Seventeenth District. The congratulations were hearty and unanimous, and the Colonel received them with becoming modesty. Conference was had on the resolution directing the Committee on National Affairs to confer with the Governor, and the Board adjourned.

harbor defence. The Board adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The people of New Ulm, Minnesota, one of the towns sacked by the Indians, recently held a meeting to take action regarding the rumors that the President intended to pardon some of the savages who had been sentenced to death for participation in the outrages. Among the resolutions which they adopted was one to the following purport: "That if the policy of our Government should lead to the reestablishment of the Sioux Indians upon their old reservation in the State of Minnesota, it will become our sacred duty as citizens to make every effort to prevent the reestablishment of the Indians, and to wage a war of extermination against them—those murderers of our fathers, mothers, wives and children—and not to spare either man, woman or child of that infernal tribe, until Minnesota is either cleared from every Indian, or reduced to an Indian Territory."

The gunboat *Eastport*, which was captured on the Tennessee River from the rebels, and refitted by the Government at great expense, has been pronounced unworthy by Rear-Admiral PORTER. Her keel is so weak that she cannot support the weight of metal which she has to carry. The St. Louis Republican of Monday has these items: Gen. TORREY, U. S. A., arrived in this City Sunday night from the frontier. He is here as a witness in the McKinstry Court-martial. Gen. DAVINSON, in command of the army in Southeast Missouri, is also in the city on official business, which may detain him a day or two. We are gratified to hear from that quarter, that his efforts and orders are proving highly beneficial in restoring quiet to the people of the whole District, and that an effectual stop has been put to excesses which created much bad feeling between the soldiers and the citizens. A new order of things will be established there. The capture of Capt. PHILLAN, of the rebel force, is regarded as an important event, on account of the influence exercised by him over the rebels on the border. Gen. GORMAN arrived in this city on Saturday night, under orders from Washington City. We are glad to hear that he is in good health. PHILLAN, who has been at the Planters' House for some time, is not improving, as was hoped. His disease is exceedingly obstinate, and his immediate friends manifest much solicitude as to the result.

Major-Gen. BUELL was surrounded in Cincinnati on Tuesday evening. He spoke as follows: "I am glad to know the honor of 'I thank you cordially, fellow-citizens, for this aerodrome. It is gratifying to me, on this occasion, to meet the citizens of my native State, whose sons have so nobly and gallantly borne themselves in the defence of our country. It speaks of a determination to support and defend constitutional liberty; and assures me that in the hour of trial you will not be found wanting. I did not come out to make a speech, but simply to thank you for your kindness."

In reply to an inquiry forwarded to Washington by Capt. T. W. NEWMAN, Military Commander at Indianapolis, the following telegram was received:

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28, 1862.
 Capt. Newman, Military Commander:
 The War Department has responded as to soldiers in military custody for desertion.

A portion of the cotton which was used on the tortilla at Nashville was received in Louisville.

In the town of Teresa, Dodge County, Wis., the unmarried men who were not drafted, voluntarily offered to go without pay as substitute for those drafted who have families.

On Tuesday evening Gen. CAMERON was honored with a banquet at Marietta, (Ohio), by Col. J. W. DAVIS, Mayor of that city. In response to a sentiment offered appropriate to the occasion, Gen. CAMERON gave an interesting statement of the feeling in Europe in regard to our national troubles, as they were observed by himself.

The General Term of the Superior Court have held, in a case involving the question, that a contract to pay storage for goods in railroad cars on a public highway, but no important decision at all, charge upon such goods. Also, that it is doubtful whether, under their charter, railroad companies may undertake storage for hire.

The business in Stocks was very large through both sessions of the Board yesterday, and also at the outside room on William-street. Prices were steady, but the advance in prices made yesterday, but no important decline at the final close of dealings in the afternoon. The attendance of outside speculators in the open room on William-street was unusually crowded. Gold fell back to 132½, and finally closed at 132½ cent. Exchange unsettled; London 146¼-147½ cent.

Breadstuffs were quite active, and were dearer yesterday. A fair business was transacted in Provisions: Mess Pork and prime Lard were higher. Sugars were more freely dealt in, and were somewhat firmer. Cotton was steady, but not active. The market for eggs was more extensive, and consisted chiefly of Breadstuffs and Provisions for British Ports. There were no remarkable alterations in other branches of trade.

GEN. GRANT'S MARCH THROUGH MISSISSIPPI.—Gen. GRANT is marching on with steady step toward the heart of Mississippi. He has got some twenty miles below Holly Springs, over forty miles from the northern line of the State, and has crossed the Tallahatchie, where the enemy was said to be preparing to resist him; but the rebels thought better of their resolve and fled "further south." This flight is rather surprising to us, and we believe it is equally so to the Mississippians. We discover signs of haste on the part of the rebel army. They "destroyed supplies," of which we may be sure they had not too great abundance. And the people, the planters, who supposed themselves protected by the rebel army, when they saw it retreating put their own houses in order as rapidly as circumstances would permit, and rushed on ahead of the retreating troops, seeking some hiding-place that they might not be found by the terrible "Yankees." The Grenada Appeal, the valiant organ of treason that withdrew from Memphis in time to save its editor's neck, has executed another successful manoeuvre and removed from Grenada to Jackson. This change of base is timely, for Grenada is undoubtedly the first town of appeal note to be visited by Gen. GRANT. The Appeal, in its new home, cries out against the apathy of the people, in the centre of Mississippi, and tells them that unless they arise in mass to resist the invaders they will be irretrievably ruined.

All this is encouraging. It seems quite clear that the rebels did not anticipate so severe a measure as the invasion of Mississippi in great force. The planters who had grown a large cotton crop in security, are flying in every direction, leaving the work of picking and ginning in mid career. The finest cotton fields of the South are coming within our lines, and tens of thousands of bales should be saved. The demoralization of the rebels from this cause must be immense. Emancipate a rebel's slaves and he will still hope to succeed in the war and get them again. But touch his cotton—take his idolized fibre—and his heart is in despair—the last hope of liberty leaves the world!

The rebel Government is evidently troubled by the Western aspect of the war, and Gen. JO. JOHNSON has been dispatched from Richmond to assume immediate command in Mississippi. Such men as PENDERGAST, VAN DORN and PRICE, are found unequal to the emergency, and the hero of the first Bull Run is called to the rescue. But a General is of little account, unless he has an army to work with, and we do not see whence rebel forces can be raised equal to the duty of meeting and resisting GRANT and

SHERMAN. They are not in Mississippi. We do not believe they are in the South. But we shall soon know, for GRANT is going to probe Mississippi to the very core of her treason.

Military Accountability—The Pending Courts-Martial.

All the circumstances combined which encourage a belief in the greater efficiency of our future military operations, are of less account than the sign furnished by the multiplication of Courts-martial and Courts of Inquiry. That sign means accountability. It is the sure augury of duty better performed.

The great crying evil in the management of the war heretofore has been the failure to hold high officers to their just responsibility. Thousands of lives and millions of treasure have been sacrificed by blunders and defaults, but the officers guilty of them have held on their way, unpunished and unrebuked. Gen. STROX is about the only officer of any rank who has thus suffered; and not even in that case was the War Administration entitled to any credit, for, in the absence of a regular judicial investigation, it is still doubtful whether the actual guilt of Ball's Bluff attaches to Gen. STROX, or to officers in yet higher command. All the effect of that lesson was lost because of the uncertainty left in men's minds, whether or not its severity was deserved. The rebels who, unlike ourselves, have been in dead earnest from the outset, have always held their high officers to strict account. Wisc, Crittenden, Floyd, Pillow, Branch, Lovell, Tatnall, Beauregard, Bragg, Van Dorn, and many others of less note, have all experienced severe penalties for neglects and mistakes; and there is no doubt that the constantly improving activity and efficiency of the rebel officers, generally, is due mainly to this rigid system of accountability. Amenableness belongs to every form of public duty, whether civil or military, and can never be loosed from it without public injury.

Three of our Major-Generals are now being tried, under the gravest charges—Mr. McDOWELL, PORTER and BUELL. The main allegation against the first is complicity with the enemy; against the second, willful violation of orders; against the third, general mismanagement, springing from a lack of energy and resolution. The public interest attaches chiefly to the last two cases, it being believed that Gen. McDOWELL will be able, without much difficulty, to substantiate his perfect loyalty and honesty of purpose, whatever may be thought of his capacity as a General.

Gen. PORTER'S case draws particular attention, because its investigation will go far to settle, one way or the other, the suspicions which have been widely entertained, that there has been a coterie of high officers, who have always aimed to play into each other's hands, much in the fashion of the rings in legislative bodies. It is known that Gen. FITZ JOHN PORTER was greatly devoted to Gen. McCLELLAN, which, in itself, of course, was all proper. Long standing personal friendship justified this; to say nothing of the high distinctions which had been conferred upon him, without any special achievements in the field, that the people have ever discovered. But the question is, whether Gen. PORTER, and others with him, have actually regarded the fortunes of Gen. McCLELLAN more than the fortunes of the country? Did he contrive not to reinforce Gen. PORTER seasonably, and thus involve him in defeat, because he was displeased that Gen. PORTER had been given a command which he thought belonged to Gen. McCLELLAN? If so—if it can indeed be proved that Gen. PORTER would bring dishonor to our flag and death to our soldiers for the mere gratification of his personal feelings—there is no atonement too deep for him. To Gen. PORTER it is due—the army, to the Government and to the people it is infinitely more due—that this matter shall undergo the most searching scrutiny. If he is innocent, Heaven grant him a good deliverance!

Gen. BUELL'S case excites particular interest at the West, as Gen. PORTER'S does at the East. It will reveal the real nature of the incubus which has so strangely weighed upon the military operations in the West for the last eight months. It will show why East Tennessee has not been relieved—why our forces were withdrawn from North Alabama—why an abandonment of Nashville and Central Tennessee were recommended—why Bragg was allowed to invade Kentucky with impunity, and why, more extraordinary yet, he was suffered to quit that State at all. It is boldly charged that all this is due to Maj.-Gen. DON CARLOS BUELL. The City Council of Nashville has even gone so far as to formally resolve "that the liberty which we now enjoy is chiefly attributable to the fact that Gov. JOHNSON, in opposition to the wishes and opinions of the Commander of the Federal army, refused to evacuate the City of Nashville or to surrender it to the rebels." Have we indeed been in trusting, for a whole year, the command of the most important department in the West—second, in fact, to none in the country but that of the Potomac—to an officer whose opinions respecting the tenability of an important position has been proved to be inferior to that of a mere civilian, who makes no pretence to military science? The rebels attacked Nashville after Gen. BUELL left it, and were repulsed—at a time, too, when it was not one-fourth part so well fortified as it now is. The management of this department has been extraordinary; and it is quite as extraordinary that it should not before have received an official investigation.

But we had the tokens of a new line of action. A system of accountability is all the more welcome in coming when almost past hope. Let it henceforth be applied without fear or favor. We observe that Gen. HALLOCK, in his report just submitted, states that Gen. McCLELLAN, having received an order to withdraw his army from the Potomac, protested, and for eleven days failed to comply with it; and that, had it not been for this delay, "the rebel army could have been easily defeated,

and perhaps destroyed." Gen. HALLOCK also states that the same General, after the battle of Antietam, did not cross the Potomac for three weeks after he had received a positive order to that effect; and this delay he characterizes as "unfortunate," and "a matter of great disappointment and regret." So much for the failure to obey orders, implicitly and promptly. Henceforth, we trust, that no such conduct will be tolerated from any commander whatever for a day. What better right has a Major-General to enter a protest against the order of his superior, than has a Colonel, a Captain, or Lieutenant? nay, than has a private himself? Or what better right has he to take his own time in executing such orders? The President, in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief, and next to him, Gen. HALLOCK, in his capacity as General-in-Chief, have the supreme control of the military actions of every officer, high and low, and of every soldier in the National service. It is the duty of all alike to submit implicitly to that control; and no distinction should be made by the Government in requiring that submission. The entire army, from its foremost leader to the latest teamster in the rear, should be pervaded through and through with the feeling of accountability to superiors. If there be those who, either in cowardice or indifference, set at naught that feeling, it should be forced upon them in a style to which they cannot be insensible. In every grade up to the President, Commander-in-Chief, this responsibility should thus be maintained as a living and fearful reality.

How to Raise Other Armies.

There is one subject of very great importance to the future military efficiency of the Government that we do not find alluded to, either in the report of the Secretary of War or of the General-in-Chief. That is, the modes by which future armies are to be raised for the public defence. Hitherto there has been little difficulty about the matter. The Regular Army was always kept easily up to the limit of law by recruits. And when this small body of soldiers proved inadequate to any work in hand, it was found easy enough to get any number of Volunteers to vindicate the Government. A law of draft existed, but it was never thought of as a means of raising armies.

But the rebellion has proved a far greater struggle than the country has ever before been involved in. The war has required armies of numbers that would have been deemed, a few years ago, absolutely incredible. And it has become at last a serious question: How can the Government maintain a force in the field equal to the demands of the occasion? Volunteering has, up to the present time, supplied all the force used against the enemy. And the spectacle of more than a million citizens voluntarily quitting their regular business employments and the comforts of home, and entering upon the hard and destructive life and labor of soldiers in order to maintain their Government, is such as the earth never before exhibited: such as could only happen in a Republic beloved beyond parable by the people.

But this resource for war is terminable. There is a limit to the power of any State, however populous and prosperous, to turn out soldiers prepared to take the field. And in the United States the limit has been reached. Northern society, after having spared a million men to camp, cannot at once replenish with new armies, without serious derangement of social life and domestic industrial pursuits. And if the demand of the Government rises above the necessities of individuals, and further levies are required at whatever cost, then it becomes a subject of profound interest to the community how the conscription is to be made.

We have had experience already that the machinery of drafting runs heavily, and if it can be made to work no better, it is obviously no safe reliance to the Government in case of sudden peril. A draft was ordered by the Secretary of War four months ago. It has not yet taken place in the State of New-York and other States we could name. It was attempted in one or two States and immediately abandoned because of popular disfavor. In some districts of Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, the popular opposition being disregarded, the enforced conscription led to serious riots, and in the sequel it is found that a large majority of the conscripts desert and prove of no value to the Government. In Maryland, it is alleged, that of eight thousand men drafted, there are not 1,500 realized in the ranks.

It needs no argument to show the defect and danger of this loose system of proceeding. Suppose for one moment the army of Gen. BRAXTON CRIPPLED, and Washington once more threatened by advancing rebel hosts—have we a man in civil or military life wise and strong enough to organize an instant force out of the materials upon which the ordered draft is bearing? And if such a miracle could not be performed, how would the country escape the danger?

Two officials so thorough, calculating and practical as Secretary STANTON and Gen. HALLOCK, must comprehend this difficulty fully, and see the narrow margin the present system affords them for a reserved military strength. No question demands more quickly the attention and legislation of Congress, and we presume it will be brought before them in some special report from the War office.

THE SURRENDER OF HARPER'S FERRY.—There is one part of Gen. HALLOCK'S report, which makes us desirous of still further information. It is that part in which he speaks of the Harper's Ferry affair. He states that, that he "directed Gen. McCLELLAN to assume control of all troops within his reach, without regard to departmental lines." We infer from this that Gen. MILES was subject to the orders of Gen. McCLELLAN. He then proceeds: "The garrisons at Winchester and Martinsburg had been withdrawn to Harper's Ferry, and the commanding officer at that post had been advised by my Chief of Staff to mainly confine his defence, in case

he was attacked by superior forces, to the position of Maryland Heights, which could have been held a long time against overwhelming numbers."

Now, it will be recollected, that in his report of the Military Commission on this affair, it was stated that Col. MILES "had orders" to hold Harper's Ferry to the last extremity, and held, "that to leave Harper's Ferry, even to go on Maryland Heights, would be disobeying his instructions." These questions arise what were those instructions, and who gave them. Did they come from Gen. McCLELLAN or Gen. WOOL? They could not have come from Gen. HALLOCK, for he only claims to have "advised." But whoever they came from, they must have been very positive and very clear, to enable MILES to think, for a moment, that he must obey them by remaining away from Maryland Heights in the face of Gen. HALLOCK'S advice that he should confine his defence to that position. We are brought then to a choice between three unpleasant conclusions. Either Gen. HALLOCK gave no such advice, or some one gave MILES very extraordinary orders, or MILES had not even the shadow of excuse which he set up for himself for his course. He could clear it up if he were alive. But he being dead, the only thing which can throw light on the point must be the production of the orders in question. They must be in existence somewhere. When they make their appearance, we shall be able to judge more accurately and fairly about that most disgraceful affair.

Magnificent Response to the Appeal for English Operatives.

The merchants of this City, at the meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, gave a magnificent response to the mute appeals of the starving operatives of the cotton manufacturing districts of England, as well as to the appeals of a portion of the New-York Press in their behalf. The proceedings of the meeting, and particularly toward its close, were grand and thrilling. We cannot, perhaps, describe the thing better than by saying that it was characteristically American; or, closer still, that it was peculiarly New-York-like; and especially, after the style that characterizes all the action of the enterprising and wealthy mercantile classes of the commercial Metropolis of the country. After the speeches and resolutions, which were all both humane and business-like, a brief letter was read from the eminent shipping house of Messrs. N. L. & G. O. Gaiswold, which contained the following sublime sentence: "As an earnest of our desire to further this cause, in behalf of ourselves and others, owners of a new ship now in Boston, we tender her entire capacity, 1,800 tons, for the conveyance of the supplies, and our services, if needed, to forward them free of charge for freight." The meeting at once tendered thanks for the generous offer, and Mr. DODGE stated it was virtually a contribution of \$20,000 to the fund. Another letter was read from a gentleman who did not wish his name mentioned, which closed no less eloquently than the first one: "Thank God!" said the writer, "we have bread and to spare, and they will not say, 'I was an hungry, and ye gave me no meat.' Will you add to your list one thousand barrels of flour, from one whose loaf will taste the sweeter for sharing it with a famished brother, and brand it—UNION." After the reading of this letter, the same magnificent anonymous donor who had sent it, handed in, as an additional contribution, seven one-thousand dollar United States Treasury Notes, but he still desired his name should not be mentioned. Mr. DODGE desired that the firm of which he is a member might be put down for five thousand dollars; Mr. JOHNSON, the Secretary of the meeting, offered twenty-five hundred; Capt. MARSHALL, two thousand; BARBOCK BROTHERS, two thousand; six other individuals or firms gave a thousand dollars each; and several sums nearly as large were offered from other donors—the names of all of whom will be found in our report of the meeting. The amount collected in a few minutes—indeed of the offer of the ship and the thousand barrels of flour—reached \$26,200. After which good beginning, the meeting adjourned to assemble again at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

No one will think it necessary now that we should urge this matter any further than we have done on former occasions upon the liberality of the merchants of New-York. The right men have the thing in hand; the loftiest spirit animates and inspires them; certain it is that the movement will prove a success; and that half-a-million starving, shivering, wretched men, women and children in Lancashire will call down upon them the benedictions of Heaven.

We have not learnt the result of the meeting of British residents held at the British Consulate in this City, at the same hour yesterday at which the Chamber of Commerce meeting was held; but we understand some handsome subscriptions have been received to this fund also. We venture to predict, from present appearances, that the relief party for England, bearing at its peak the Stars and Stripes, will leave this port not a day behind any vessel bent on the same errand sailing under the Cross of St. George.

WORKING NAVAL ORDNANCE.—Five years ago a sailing sloop-of-war would have been considered well armed with sixteen or twenty 32-pounders. About 100 men were needed to fire such a battery, both broadsides of which, discharged between 350 and 650 pounds of iron, in sixteen or twenty separate quantities. "A broadside," from such a vessel, would consist of some 250 pounds of iron. One single shot from the *Passaic's* 15-inch gun weighs 450 pounds, or nearly twice as much as the twenty guns of an old *John Adams* or *Marion*. And four men fire the 450 pounds while 100 were required to discharge 250 pounds. Could any fact better illustrate the nature of the revolution going on in naval affairs than this? It was the fond hope of England that six of Capt. Cowell's ships, with

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Leaves still to be provided.	\$407,933,715 61
The estimated additional receipts from taxing lands are	\$131,021,197 34
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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.	
<i>As estimated for the year ending June 30, 1864.</i>	
RECEIPTS.	
From Customs.	\$70,000,000 00
From Lands.	25,000,000 00
From Miscellaneous sources.	3,000,000 00
From Internal Duties.	150,000,000 00
Aggregate	\$253,000,000 00
EXPENDITURES.	
Balance of former appropriations estimated to be unexpended July 1, 1863.	\$200,000,000 00
For civil service, foreign intercourse, and other general purposes.	25,061,510 00
For Interior Department, Indians and Pensions.	10,346,577 00
For the War Department.	78,820,146 00
For the Navy Department.	68,237,253 00
For interest on public debt.	33,513,890 50
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Total.	\$1,095,413,183 56
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Aggregate for the year.	\$845,413,183 56
The estimated receipts before stated, for that year, are placed at	223,025,000 00

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

AMERICAN AID FOR ENGLISH OPERATIVES.

Over Sixty Thousand Dollars Subscribed—
A. T. Stewart Gives Ten Thousand Dollars.

The Committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce meeting, to collect subscriptions for the suffering British operatives, met yesterday afternoon to complete their arrangements. The following letter was received from Mr. A. T. STEWART:

New-York, Dec. 5, 1862.

MY DEAR MR. DOBOS: It affords me great pleasure in reply to your note of yesterday, to inclose a check for ten thousand dollars, to be applied by the Committee to the relief of a most deserving class.

of Commerce, to the purchase of food for the suffering operatives of Lancashire, whose return for their necessary avocations can be secured by no other means than the constant remittance of money to the United States, an object which the people of the United States will be certain to accomplish.

For the Editor, ALEX. T. STEWART.

To WM. E. DONALD, Esq.

The following additional subscriptions were made:

Ginnell, Mintram & Co.	\$2.00
Thorold, Tilston & Co.	2.00
Spillars, Weed.	1.00
W. H. Hall.	2
(Gildwell) & Morris.	2
Maidy Bros.	2
A. T. Stewart.	10.00
Total.	\$15.00
Cash previously reported.	20
Use of ship from Messrs. Gilsword.	20
Total.	\$61.80

The Committee have not yet begun to solicit subscriptions.

Movement among the British Legislature—
Few Gentlemen Head the Subscription

Several of the leading British merchants are now making vigorous efforts to raise a large sum for the relief of the destitute operatives of England. A few days since an informal meeting was held at the British Consulate, and subsequently a Committee was formed for this charitable purpose. On Thursday another meeting was held, but the movement not being sufficiently known, there were only a few gentlemen present, who immediately subscribed \$3,000 toward the object. A very large sum, however, will no doubt be raised, and the Committee will be enabled to call for it to the British residents in every part of this State, if not throughout the country.

The amount collected will be sent to a Committee in England, who will sell British goods to purchase whatever articles, food or otherwise, which the English workmen at Lancaster may require. Some of the British residents, while viewing favorably the efforts of the British residents in England, are nevertheless prejudiced in the meeting held at the ball of the Chamber of Commerce, express the hope that those having charge of the purchase of food will not buy anything as dear as that which has long since been rejected by the poor of England and Ireland. Even in the days of the Irish famine, when large quantities of food were sent to that country, it was refused to be used, and much of it was thrown into the rivers. It is believed by one prominent gentleman connected with this British movement, that notwithstanding the fact that England is now suffering from the want of food, it is more advantageous to transmit money than food to England.

Another meeting will be held in a few days at the British Consulate.

Teachers' Meeting—Death of Capt. Cooper.
A meeting of the Principals of the Ward Schools of this City was held on the 3d inst., at the Hall of the Board of Education, for the purpose of giving expression to their sentiments in reference to the death of their late associate, Capt. CORNELIUS A. COOPER, formerly Principal of Ward School No. 8. ALFRED McFAR, Esq., occupied the chair, and SAMUEL

Mr. DEAN, in his address, said that the deceased was a man, as a teacher, and as a patriotic soldier. The following resolutions were then offered to be introduced in the publishers' and copy sent to the family of the deceased:

Resolved, That, while abundantly satisfied to the affliction which has befallen our country, we are none the less grieved to the death of our esteemed friend, Capt. CONNELL A. COOPER, of the 10th Mass., and late Principal of Ward School No. 4, of this city.

Resolved, That, by his stern integrity of character as a man, his patriotic and heroic services as a teacher, and the practical exemplification he has given of his patriotism, he justly endeared himself to all who knew him, and that we express our sincere sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his suffering family in their bereavement, and that we extend to them the aid of a kind husband and father, and the commensurate aid of our best and most patriotic citizens.

Cost of General Sessions.

Before Recorder Heffman.

PATSY McCARTY was yesterday out on trial for

for manslaughter in the first degree in killing MICHAEL RISO, in Water-street, in September last. It appeared from the testimony that the prisoner was passing along Water-street, in company with two friends, when he met the deceased and another person, and in passing them a collision occurred, whether intentional or not did not appear. An altercation ensued, ending in a fight, during which RISO received a stab in the abdomen, from the effects of which he died the same day. Two policemen, standing near by, arrested the friends of the prisoner, but the

prisoner himself fled, and in his flight was slain by three officers in the street. He was pursued, captured, and subsequently a pocket-knife, stolen by him, was found in the street, near where the body lay. The jury had not returned a verdict at one o'clock last evening, and there was little prospect of their agreeing.

Nicholas Iredeman was tried, and convicted of aiding and abetting. He was remanded for sentence.

Correction.

THE TIMES, of Friday, in noticing the arrest of Mr. Brown, stated that "Moxey," who made the arrest, was "the MOXEY of JEFFREYS' case notoriety." Our report was incorrect; the reference is to "Moxey," the name of the man who acted as a turncoat in the Jeffreys case, and who was in no way connected with this matter.

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, DEC. 6, 1862.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We have no intelligence whatever from the
headquarters of the Army of the Potomac this
morning.

Gen. Scott, through the columns of the *National
Intelligencer*, briefly and finally replies to
Ex-President BUCHANAN, denying that he (Scott)
has any private remonstrances to gratify, and stating
that he has received many official courtesies from
the late President of the United States, but to
vindicate justice and the truth of history is a
paramount obligation. Gen. Scott then insists
and shows that certain Southern States received an
undue proportion of arms.

It is said that, among important papers recently
secured by the Government, are notes of letters
which passed between Gov. MOORE, of Louisiana,
and JEFF. DAVIS, about the second week of No-
vember. The Governor urged that the people of
Louisiana should be allowed to trade with New-
Orleans, exchanging cotton, sugar, &c., for some
of the necessities of life, for want of which there
was the greatest suffering. JEFF. DAVIS refused,
alleging that at present this was impossible, and
that no such proposition could be entertained
until after the 1st of January, when Mr. LINCOLN's
policy with regard to the emancipation policy
might be more clearly developed. Gov. MOORE
replied that the people would not stand until then;
that the people were dying for want of these
articles, and that they must have them at once.
This letter closed with a defiance of JEFF.
DAVIS' authority if it was not granted, and there
the correspondence ended.

A letter dated Nashville, November 28, says:
"Within the past two days, several of the brigades
of this (the first) division, have been moved for-
ward, and some are still moving in the direction
of Lebanon, in this State. A few days ago the
Second Minnesota, Eighteenth Regulars and
Thirty-fifth Ohio, were advanced some twenty
miles, for the purpose of holding one or two im-
portant points upon the Cumberland river. Al-
though they frequently saw the enemy's
cavalry, they remained unmolested. Since reach-
ing their posts, they have been frequently
threatened with an attack, but as yet I have not
learned of any having been made upon them.
MOORE and SCOTT's Cavalry, however, are
known to be in this section of the country, and
you need not be surprised to hear of a sharp fight
at any time. Gen. ROSECRANS is constantly mov-
ing around among the troops, by all of whom his
appearance is hailed with acclamations of joy.
At present he is in the vicinity of Nashville, and
from accounts which reach here, I should judge
he is making things move."

Gen. BRAGO is securing the country around
Murfreesboro and Shelbyville, Tenn., with for-
saging parties, who are ordered to leave but 120
pounds of meat in each family, taking all surplus
meat for the rebel army.

A gentleman from Bedford County, Tennessee,
says that in that county and in Lincoln, the con-
scripts are forming in companies, to take the
woods and "bushwhack" the conscripting parties.
A troop of cavalry made an expedition into
Lincoln County, to force the conscripts into the
Confederate ranks, and were fired upon and driv-
en back by the outraged and oppressed people
whom they were endeavoring to drive into the
rebel army. A regiment is organizing there for
home protection against Gen. BRAGO's emissaries.

Additional dispatches, received from Gen.
BENT at headquarters in St. Louis, state that the
victory he won over the rebels at Cane Hill was
even more overwhelming than at first reported.
The rout was complete, and the loss heavy, on
the rebel side—five to one of the Nationals.
QUANTRELL and his band were in the fight.

PARSON BROWNLOW suggests, by way of an oc-
casion to the demand for the surrender of Gen. Mc-
NELL, that President LINCOLN instructs Gen.
ROSCOCK, at once, to demand a surrender of
BRAGO, whose army, on its late retreat from Ken-
tucky, executed seventeen loyal men, among
whom were Capt. KING and his two sons.

It is currently reported among the Secessionists
in St. Louis that STERLING PRICE has resigned
from the Confederate service.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a resolution was
adopted calling upon the President for information
regarding the late Indian massacres in Minnesota.
The bill concerning judgments in certain suits
brought by the United States, having been passed

by the House, was referred to the Finance Com-
mittee. The report of the Secretary of the Treas-
ury was handed in. The resolution offered by
Mr. BURMAN, on Thursday, calling for the cor-
respondence, &c., relating to the Army of the
Potomac, was passed. A bill repealing the
law limiting the number of Major-Generals was
referred. A resolution was adopted making
inquiries as to the expediency of provid-
ing for a railroad from Washington to New-
York, to carry the mails with certainty and dis-
patch. A resolution was adopted making inquiries
as to the expediency of repealing that part of the
Revenue law which imposes a tax upon powers
of attorney for the collection of pensions, back
pay and bounty for soldiers. Mr. POWELL, of
Kentucky, called up his resolution relating to
arbitrary arrests in Kentucky, and it was adopted,
after the insertion of the words, "if not incom-
patible with the public interests." A resolution
was adopted directing inquiry into the expediency
of negotiating a treaty with the Indians of South-
ern Oregon and Northern California. The Senate
then went into Executive Session, and subse-
quently adjourned until Monday.

In the House, Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania,
desired to introduce a bill, of which he gave
notice at the last session, confirming the acts of
President LINCOLN and other persons in suspend-
ing the writ of *habeas corpus*. After some debate
the bill was temporarily withdrawn. A resolu-
tion regarding the number of sick and wounded
soldiers, and directing an inquiry as to the system
of furloughs and discharges, was passed. The
Committee of Ways and Means was instructed to
inquire as to the feasibility of modifying the Tax
law so that materials used in manufactures shall
not be taxed twice. Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont,
offered a resolution, which was adopted, declar-
ing that at no time has the Government
been more able to put down the rebellion;
and that it is the duty of all officers,
soldiers and legislators, "cordially to strike the
assassins at once who have conspired to destroy
our existence." The vote on its passage was 145
to 1. The Committee on Indian Affairs was in-
structed to inquire into the causes generally of
the Indian troubles in the Northwest. The cor-
respondence showing the present condition of
Mexican affairs was called for. The report of the
Secretary of the Treasury was referred to the
Committee of Ways and Means. A resolution
was adopted, calling for information concerning
the Department of Agriculture. Mr. COX, of
Ohio, offered a resolution, declaring that the
word "Assassin," in Mr. MORRILL's resolution,
should apply to all who have been instrumental
in bringing on the war, and who are not in favor
of the Constitution as it is and the Union as it
was. It was tabled, 85 to 31. Mr. VALLANDIGHAM
asked leave to offer a series of resolutions
in the same vein, amendatory of those offered by
Mr. STEVENS on Thursday, but they were tabled.
Mr. ALLEN, of Ohio, asked, but did not obtain,
leave to offer a resolution regarding the importa-
tion of contrabands into that State. The House
then adjourned until Monday.

GENERAL NEWS.

The steamships *China* and *City of Manchester*
arrived at this port yesterday, bringing details of
news of which we have had already a telegraphic
summary. Our letters from Paris will command
attention.

The Committee appointed to collect subscrip-
tions for the starving British operatives, have
been promised over \$30,000, and no contribu-
tions have been sold yet. The Committee
organized yesterday, and will doubtless ob-
tain a much larger sum.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yester-
day afternoon. The Mayor transmitted, with his
recommendation, an application from Maj. GIBSON,
for an appropriation to procure a large gun
for the use of the militia, the application being made
in behalf of an organization, which he commands,
and whose object is harbor defence. It was re-
ferred to the Committee on National Affairs. The
report of the Financial Committee, in favor of do-
nating \$5,000 to the St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum,
was taken up and adopted. An invitation to wit-
ness the launch of an iron-plated vessel from the
dock of Eleventh-street, East River, at 4 A. M. to-
day, was accepted. The Board adjourned till 1
o'clock P. M. to-day.

The Board of Councilmen met at 4 o'clock yester-
day afternoon. The grant of land in Calvary
cemetery, by the trustees of St. Patrick's Cathed-
ral, for the burial of the dead soldiers from this
City who fell in the war, was accepted. The
report in favor of donating \$5,000 to the St.
Joseph's Orphan Asylum, was received from the
Aldermen, and laid over under the rule. The
resolution to give Gen. SIGEL a sword, at a cost
of \$500, came up and elicited various remarks.
It was brought to vote by the previous question.
Mr. JONES voted no, because the General had sent
a letter here in favor of WASHINGTON for Govern-
or. Mr. GAUSS said the General regretted his
course in that matter, and therefore he (Mr. G.)
voted yes. Mr. PACEY voted No, because it ap-
peared that politics and not patriotism was the
object of reward. The resolution was lost for
want of a two-thirds vote, was afterward re-con-
sidered, and then was laid over. The Commis-
sioner on Markets reported in favor of pur-
chasing the Louisiana Fort Canons, property
of JAMES B. TAYLOR, for a market price, of \$100,
000, the City to assume the payment of the inter-
est and principal of the mortgage upon it, and also
to pay for filling up a part of the area of the land,
which increases the cost to \$531,439 50. The re-
port was laid over under the rule. Adjourned to
Monday at 4 P. M.

The Post-office Department has an eye upon
the parties who are so industriously engaged
in the collection of defaced postage stamps, as
they allege for the manufacture of *paper mace*.
A special agent recently found in a village in the
State of Ohio, a collection of stamps, the value of
between fifty and sixty thousand stamps, which
had been removed from letters to be sent to par-
ties in this City who had contracted for them.
These who gathered them were in good faith, but
it is not so clear that this was the case with those
to whom they were to be sent.

The severe cold of Tuesday night last froze
over the Morris Canal from Hackensack to Stan-
hope, retarding the passage of canal boats (of
which there were nearly one hundred loaded with
coal) on their way to Jersey City. The ice was
nearly a quarter of an inch in thickness.

In noticing the arrival of the last of the fishing
fleet from the bay of St. Lawrence at that place,
the *Gloucester* (Mass.) *Telegraph* says the ves-
sels this season have done well in point of quan-
tity, all of them returning with full fares. The
fish, however, have not been as good as usual.
Notwithstanding this they have brought good
prices. The shore market here has been unusually
low, and have commanded higher rates than those
brought from the bay.

At the late State election in Arkansas 26,268
votes were cast, of which FLAMMING received
18,139, RECTOR, 7,419, and RAINY, 708. ROBERT
W. JOHNSON has been elected to the Confederate
Senate, over A. H. GARLAND. He is at present a
member of the other House. A law will be
passed forbidding the planting of cotton and the
distillation of grain.

Gen. HIRSH WALKER is named as a probable
successor to the Military Governorship of Wash-
ington. Gen. MARTINDALE now occupies the
post temporarily.

Some complicated machinery for minting pur-
poses has been constructed in Philadelphia, for a
Mexican company, at a cost of fifteen thousand
dollars.

The New-Jersey Editorial Association held a
meeting in Trenton on Thursday, and after de-
bate resolved to increase advertising rates in their
respective journals, to exact payment for mat-
ter, not news, which had before been inserted
gratis, and to recommend the adoption of ad-
vance payments for newspaper subscriptions.

Under the stress of the times the Paterson
Register has been obliged to submit to the use
of brown paper for the regular daily issue.

In the case of the People vs. Mauch, convicted

of keeping a disorderly house, the General Term
of the Supreme Court have ordered a new trial,
holding that representation, rumor, hearsay, &c., is
not competent evidence upon which to convict of
criminal offences—that particular acts should be
proved to the character of a house charged
with being disorderly.

There was a sudden and considerable decline
in Stocks and Gold yesterday, on the Stock Ex-
change, at first attributed to peace rumors from
Richmond, but subsequently traced to the disap-
pointment growing out of the financial recom-
mendations of Mr. Secretary CHASE. Gold fell
off 13 1/4; Erie shares, 6 1/2 % cent.

Breadstuffs were quiet and depressed, yester-
day, the decline in Gold and Sterling Exchange
having affected the market unfavorably. A fair
demand prevailed for Provisions, Hay, Hides,
Spices, Tallow, Ingot Copper, Whisky and For-
eign Liquors. Sugars, Hops, Tobacco, Fish,
Fruit, Leather, Molasses, Seeds, Salt, Saltpetre
and Wool were in moderate request. Rice Coffee
was more active, at uniform rates. Light freight
engagements were reported.

The New Movement Upon Richmond.

It would, perhaps, be unwise for us to
speculate on the details of the plan by which
the General-in-Chief expects to capture Rich-
mond. But we see nothing to forbid our
noticing the speculations of the rebel press on
the same subject. We copied yesterday
morning a letter from Richmond to the
Grenada (Miss.) *Appeal*, dated November 13th,
in which the writer gave it as his opinion that
the new attack upon Richmond was to be
made from the south side,—up the James
River and from Weldon; and that the mission
of the Army of the Potomac whether under
McCLELLAN or BURNSIDE, was to amuse and
detract the main body of the Rebel Army on
the Rappahannock or Rapidan. He mentioned
several incidents which led him to the opinion,
that the Federal movements in the neighbor-
hood of Culpepper were merely a feint—in-
tended to draw attention from the serious
attempt upon the rebel Capital from another
quarter.

It is no part of our purpose to confirm or
deny the correctness of this opinion. But in
our judgment the rebels are acting upon it.
We do not believe that the rebels under Gen.
LEE intend in force to dispute the crossing of
the Rappahannock. On the contrary, we
think they have already fallen back toward
Richmond, and put themselves in position to
march rapidly to the defence of that capital,
if it should be attacked from the south, or to
withstand the army of BURNSIDE, if he should
advance upon it from the north. In other
words, the rebels intend to keep
the main body of their army between the two
divisions of ours, and equidistant from both—
so as to move against either as circumstances
may require. This is substantially what they
did during McCLELLAN's campaign. They did
it successfully then, partly in consequence of
the sluggishness of our movements, and partly
because our Government fell an easy victim
to the tricks by which they sought to deceive
and mislead it. They will be equally suc-
cessful now unless our Government has learned
something by experience, and unless BURNSIDE
is more sagacious in his judgment, and more
rapid in his movements, than McCLELLAN
was on the Chickahominy.

BURNSIDE on the Rappahannock is in great
danger of being fooled by the strategy of the
rebels, just as McCLELLAN was in front of
Manassas, in front of Yorktown, and on the
banks of the Potomac after the battle of An-
tietam. In each of those three cases the
rebels retreated in the face of his large and
powerful army—leaving just force enough
behind them to delude him into inactivity.
They may be, and in our opinion are, playing
precisely the same game with BURNSIDE on
the Rappahannock. If their whole army
should await his attack there, they would
either be defeated or demoralized, and for the
time disabled by a great battle. In either
case Richmond would be defenceless; and an
army advancing against it from the south
would meet with certain success. They will,
therefore, do no such thing. They will retreat
and avoid a battle. If BURNSIDE were to
cross to-day, in our opinion, he would encoun-
ter nothing but the rear guard of the rebel
army. If he delays, Lee's whole force will
escape him, and rush within defending dis-
tance of the rebel capital.

In our opinion, therefore, it is of the utmost
importance that BURNSIDE should push im-
mediately forward and attack the enemy. If he
defeats them, the fate of Richmond and the
rebellion is sealed. If he is defeated, he can
at least inflict such losses upon the rebels as
will most seriously impede their march to
the defence of Richmond, and leave it open
to the powerful attack which, in the opinion
of the rebel writer we have quoted, is directed
against it from Weldon and Suffolk. If he is
right in his conjecture, and a combined attack
of this sort is really designed by the Govern-
ment, it is pretty clear that Gen. BANKS, who
left this port day before yesterday, is to join
the forces already assembled for the Southern
movement.

We presume we shall hear something more
of this matter within the next three days.

OUR RELATIONS WITH FRANCE.—We scarcely

need direct attention to the letters of our
intelligent and well-informed Paris corre-
spondent. He gives what we have good rea-
son for regarding as a just and accurate ex-
planation of the motives of the French Em-
peror in offering to join England and Russia
in soliciting an armistice between the Gov-
ernment of the United States and the rebels
who are seeking its overthrow. That explana-
tion confirms the opinion we have already ex-
pressed, that this offer ought not to be con-
sidered hostile to the North.

We repeat what we have already said, that,
in our judgment, France has no sympathy
whatever with the attempt of the South to
break up the Union. All her interests are in-
volved in the maintenance of the United
States as a first-class naval Power. We have
never been hostile to her; our interests do
not bring us into commercial rivalry.—We
have no such relations as to render it proba-
ble that we should ever come in conflict with
her. Besides, such a conflict would be dan-
gerous to the internal peace of France and
the stability of the Imperial throne, because
it would be a war on her part against a
Democratic Republic,—and such a war can

never be made popular in France. Whatever
may be their diplomatic relations, France and
England are rival nations, and Napoleon will
never disable the only Power on which he
could ever count for aid in a conflict with
Great Britain.

Our correspondent has therefore, in our
opinion, given the real explanation of the re-
cent offer of France. It was a measure of in-
ternal politics. It looked to the necessities
and impatience of the French people, and not
at all to the merits or incidents of the Ameri-
can war. France cares not one straw about
our war except from its hearing on her own
interests. She seeks to make peace with her
own people, to get through the coming Win-
ter, which must be one of suffering to her
manufacturing population, without domestic
commotion, and without a renewal of the at-
tempt upon the life of the Emperor.

We regard this offer of NAPOLEON, and its
rejection by England and Russia, as likely to
put an end to all projects of intervention for
some time to come. It has answered his
purpose, by displaying to his own people his
anxiety to restore their prosperity by restor-
ing their cotton. There will be no excuse for
renewing it until the close of the new cam-
paign against the rebel States. And when
that comes we trust the condition of the
country will be such as to render all thought
of intervention utterly out of the question.

The National Finances.

The Report of Mr. Secretary CHASE is able
in argument and comprehensive in its review
of the great resources of the country for the
support of the Public Debt, if not in all its
recommendations sufficiently clear and prac-
tical. Some of these, in respect to the best
means of raising money for the prosecution
of the war, and looking to the establishment
of a system of voluntary banking under Fed-
eral authority, are mere repetitions of his pre-
vious Annual Report. He adds, to be sure,
to his banking scheme the suggestion of mak-
ing all local State Banks which consent to
a registered circulation on the pledge of
United States stocks at the Department in
Washington, Banks of deposit for the Treas-
ury. In doing this he would not repeal the
Sub-Treasury system, but simply hold out an
inducement for banking under National au-
thority, by the employment of the National
stocks as the basis of security. A privilege
to this tenor was voted by the present Con-
gress as early as the 5th of August, 1861, be-
fore the suspension of specie payments; but,
after due consideration, Mr. CHASE declined to
avail himself of this clause in the supplemental
Loan act of that date, beyond leaving with
the Banks the avails of his loans made, in
gross, for a short time, and then transferring
them in specie to the Sub-Treasury. He
never checked to the public creditors or the
disbursing officers of the Government direct-
ly upon the Banks, and as the provision on
the subject was left to his choice or discre-
tion, it was never made part of the machinery
of the Treasury. The provision now stands
virtually repealed by the suspension of pay-
ments in specie.

In his Report of December last, the Secretary
expressed his reluctance to employing United
States Notes as a circulation for the relief
or support of the Treasury. The alternatives
named were similar to those now presented.
He is therefore entirely consistent with him-
self, so far as his mere recommendations go,
in repeating his Bank plan, with the amend-
ment adverted to, and in suggesting the direct
sale of the Public Stocks or the further em-
ployment of 7.30 or 8.65 per cent. Treasury
Bonds.

After the suspension of specie payments last
Winter, the Secretary yielded his grace-
ful assent to the plan of the Committee of
Ways and Means for substituting a National
circulation of United States Notes for em-
ployment by the Treasury and the convenience
of the people. It was passed accordingly,
and worked so admirably well, that early in
July, on his own recommendation, the author-
ity to issue such Notes was doubled by Con-
gress. In his present Report he ably vindicates
this policy against the charge that it has
unduly appreciated the price of Gold, and as-
serts a degree of success in its practical op-
eration, which its warmest original advocates
should be proud of. He would continue this
National circulation even to the extent of
compelling its substitution for the present
Bank circulation, (by imposing a stamp tax
on the latter,) but he would have it take a
different form. He would have the Banks al-
ready incorporated and new ones to be or-
ganized under Federal authority, purchase
the Stocks of the United States and pledge
them at the Department for a uniform re-
gistered circulation, bearing the same
stamp of nationality as the United
States Notes of lawful tender, and alike
receivable for all public dues except payments
into the Custom-House for Imposts and pay-
ments out of the Treasury for Interests. We
have heretofore questioned the practicability
of the Banking scheme, as thus presented.

We do so, perhaps, more from a New-York
standpoint, where the State has already pro-
vided a different system with which the whole
business of the community is interwoven and
with which our people are abundantly satis-
fied, than from any objection which would
apply immediately to the loyal States. But
we apprehend that questions of the same
delicate nature which have already been
raised by the New-York State Superintendent
of Banking, would grow out of the experi-
ment in other States, though on this point the
Representatives of the people from these
States, in Congress, are probably the best
judges.

The Secretary is candid enough to say that
little direct aid to the Treasury is to be ex-
pected from the Banking scheme, even if
adopted, during the present fiscal year, "nor
very much, perhaps, during the next year." The
question of raising money is therefore
resolved into a further issue of United States
Notes, to which he plainly expresses his op-
position, unless great public emergencies
should demand it, or to the sale of 6-20 year

six per cents in the open market, or to a
longer six per cent. Stock, to which he
is decidedly opposed, in view of the
future cheapness of capital and high
price of Government credit, when a lower
rate could be made, or, as an alterna-
tive which he could prefer, over long date 6
per cents, or an increased issue of United
States Notes, the issue of 7.30 per cents, three
years to run, and 3.65 per cents of small de-
nomination, convertible into 5-20 year stock.
This conclusion will doubtless create much dis-
appointment, perhaps no little surprise, but the
honesty and conservatism of the Secretary will
scarcely be questioned, or his solicitude to lim-
it within all proper bounds the too free use of
Treasury paper for circulation seriously doubt-
ed. If the effect upon the Money Market or
upon speculation in Stock values and Gold Coin
should be depressing, the chance is that the
same cause will react upon other values
which enter more nearly and generally into
the business of the country and the cost of
living, and so long as the conduct of the War
be not embarrassed for the want of means, or
the Public Credit too greatly sacrificed to raise
such means, these other consequences may
not only be borne with patience, but in some
sense, welcomed for their restraining influ-
ence.

The Expedition of Gen. Banks.

It has already been announced in all the
newspapers, that Gen. BANKS set sail on
Thursday, on his long talked of Southern ex-
pedition. He takes with him, so it is said,
some 20,000 soldiers, more or less, with sub-
sistence stores and war munitions of the
lighter kind; but no horses or heavy artiller-
y. Gen. BANKS was about five weeks in
New-York, fitting out his expedition. He met
with innumerable and unexpected delays;
and the interest in his movement, which was
very lively when he reached here, almost
died out before he got away. The General
worked with patient and indefatigable zeal in
his enterprise, carefully avoiding all public
displays, and keeping the secret of his destina-
tion with modest and masterly silence. He
has been rewarded with final success in his
tedious preparations, and is now, with his
prow turned Southward, buffeting the waves
of an inhospitable coast, to meet at length,
perhaps, when his haven is reached, a more
inhospitable reception.

We should not announce, if we knew, the
proposed theatre of Gen. BANKS' operations.
It was early published, in a quarter aspiring
to official recognition, that the expedition
was destined for Texas. And there were in-
dications about that time, such as the fresh
interest inspired in Texas by the escape
thence of Col. HAMILTON, and his subsequent
appointment as Military Governor of that
State, that the Government designed to "oc-
cupy and possess" a country which seemed
to offer rare opportunities of working out one
of the most difficult problems of the rebellion.
But if the revelation were true, it was most
unfortunate. Why advise the enemy of our
plans at the very moment of their inception?
Later, there have been frequent intimations
from Washington that Texas is not the
destination of the Banks Expedition. It has
been broadly hinted in several instances, that
his feet would soon be seen in the well-known
waters of the James and York Rivers, and
that there the force would be debarked, and co-
operate in the second siege of Richmond. In
addition to this recast of his movement, it
has also been suggested that not Virginia nor
Texas, but South Carolina is the real object
of his invasion, and that Charleston is at last
to be brought to judgment for hatching the
admiral's egg of treason.

Being left to our own conjectures on this
subject, we confess it is difficult to find a rea-
sonable solution of the doubts presented. It
is not likely that so large a mass of green
troops as Gen. BANKS has—not one company
of them having ever been under fire—will be
taken into the heart of Virginia to assail the
drilled troops of the rebel army, fighting be-
hind the formidable defences of Fort Darling
and the forts surrounding Richmond. If the
design had been to cooperate with BURNSIDE,
and the latter were threateningly near Rich-
mond on the north, the plan would be a strong
one.

Equally unsound is the theory that Gen.
BANKS is about to operate against Charleston.
The tone at Beaufort would have to co-
operate in that case; but Gen. HUMPHREY,
Chief of that Department, is quietly resting
at Washington, holding court-martials on
delinquent brother officers.

If Texas be the object of Gen. BANKS' ex-
pedition, we cannot but consider its hitting-out
here one of the hugest blunders of the war.
The trip on transports at this season would
be rough, dangerous and cruel to the volun-
teers who are all landsmen. And the cost
would be four-fold what it ought to be to send
an army to Texas. The true road to Texas
is overland from Missouri. Illinois, Iowa,
Missouri and Kansas should furnish the vol-
unteers for the work. Texas, itself, would fur-
nish the needed subsistence.

It appears to our view of the case that if
the expedition be really going to the far
South, it would be a happy surprise if all
conjectures hitherto offered proved wrong,
and that Florida is the place which Gen.
BANKS is to occupy and hold. The same po-
litical and social results may be fairly ob-
tained there that Texas was regarded favora-
ble to the development of. Immediate hold
and practical results could be got more cheaply
there than in Texas.

But there are other points not so far away
as either Charleston, Florida or Texas, and
where the rebels are not so well prepared as
they are on the James River, to which the ex-
pedition may be bound, and where operations
would have a very important bearing upon the
maneuvers and fate of the main rebel army.
We should not be surprised if Gen. BANKS
turned up in a quarter which few have yet
conjectured. But we will not have a very
long time to wait now for information. Our
first knowledge of the whereabouts and aims
of the expedition will probably in this, as in
former instances, come to us from the rebels.

Public Debt—Present and Prospective.

The estimate of the Public Debt, in the last
Annual Report of the Secretary, was to the
purport that the total at the close of the fis-
cal year, June 30, 1862, would be about
\$317,373,000. The actual result was.....\$314,311,371
With a balance in the Treasury on the 1st
of July of \$13,043,546, which, the report
states, would about cover the outstanding
claims against the Treasury not then paid.
The estimate, therefore, was exceedingly ac-
curate, reflecting credit upon the candor and
foresight of the head of the Department. The
Secretary, however, does not hope for so suc-
cessful an estimate of the Public Debt at the
close of the current fiscal year, ending 30th
of June, 1863. In his last Annual Report
he placed the figures at.....\$309,373,000
His now anticipated result will be.....\$292,297,403
The difference of.....\$17,075,597
Is to be ascribed to the very considerable en-
largement of both the Army and Navy estab-
lishments, compared with the basis upon
which the estimate of last Winter were set
to Congress.

The estimates for the succeeding fiscal year
ending 30th June, 1864, are made upon the
conjectural basis that the War is to continue
nineteen months from the present time, and
of course they assume the widest contingent
range demanded by the enlarged Military and
Naval establishments. The gross figures re-
sult in running up the Public Debt to the sum
of \$1,744,685,588, after absorbing the probable
revenues of the year from Customs, the In-
ternal Tax and Miscellaneous, estimated to-
gether at \$223,025,000.

These demands and estimates must be pro-
vided for by the present Congress, whose last
session will terminate on the 4th of March,
assuming that the Administration desire to
avoid an early call of the new Congress. This
they will scarcely do with a working majority
now in both Houses, and the prospect of an
Opposition majority in the next House of
Representatives. The loans wanted, there-
fore, in some shape for the service of the next
eighteen or nineteen months, provided the
war is to continue, are:

For remission of current fiscal year end.....\$274,913,517
For June 30, 1863.....622,398,183
Together.....\$997,306,701

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BALLS.

THE 34TH ANNUAL BALL of the YORKVILLE DEPARTMENT of the WIDOWS and ORPHANS of DECEASED MEN, will take place on MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 26, 1921 at the ACADEMY of MUSIC.

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FROM THE REBEL STATES

GOSSIP FROM RICHMOND.

A Financial Operation by Jeff Davis Negroes.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

GOSSIP FROM RICHMOND.

What the Herald calls "the situation" is not very clear. A force of 10,000 abolitionists is concentrated near Fredericksburg. Northern papers tell us that Davis is waiting only for supplies, and that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

On the other hand, Jackson has not left the Valley, and it is said that he is in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

Gen. Randolph's friends have given their version of the case, which induced his resignation, and now the President is in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

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JEFF DAVIS NEGROES MANUFACTURING TREASURY NOTES.

From the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Republican, Nov. 19. A new rumor has been circulating in the South, and has been developed in Richmond, in the arrest of certain slaves, the servants of some of the high officials in the Government, who have been detected in forging Treasury Notes. A number of these notes have been discovered, and the Government is now in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

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A CUNNING DEVICE.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Nov. 27. Expectations which are excited only to be disappointed are better calculated to dissipate the strongest minds than the sternest realities. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

We would have the very word intervention, as used from the Southern dictionary, and the word intervention, as used from the Northern dictionary, and the word intervention, as used from the Southern dictionary, and the word intervention, as used from the Northern dictionary.

our fall will sound the death-knell of our own power upon this continent, and, perhaps, their stability at home.

FROM FREDERICKSBURG.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Nov. 18. Great as is the public anxiety to learn something of the situation of the rebels, it is almost impossible to gather a single item of interest from the present state of war. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

Since writing the foregoing, we have received information from Gordonville, which indicates that some of his forces have gone up as far as eighteen miles in the direction of Warrenton Junction. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

A FLAG OF TRUCE.

From the Dispatch, Nov. 20. Two hundred and forty-five Abolition prisoners of war, ninety-eight citizens of the North, will be sent to City Point this morning, at 7 o'clock. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

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DEFENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Raleigh (N. C.) State Journal, of Nov. 28, has the following relative to the preparations of North Carolina for defending her coast:

"We learn the Committee on National Affairs have prepared their report relative to raising troops for the defence of the coast. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

TROUBLE IN GEORGIA ABOUT THE NEGROES.

MESSAGE FROM GOV. BROWN. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Milledgeville, Nov. 13, 1862. To the General Assembly. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

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JOSEPH E. BROWN. Mr. Kimo offered the following, which was adopted. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

NEGROES WANTED ON THE DEFENCES OF SAVANNAH. Gen. Mercer, who is in charge of the defenses of Savannah, is troubled in soul by the lack of negroes to do the heavy work. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

THE PLANTERS OF GEORGIA.

HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, Savannah, Ga., Nov. 3, 1862. I have received a letter from the State of Georgia, and I am in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

FROM TENNESSEE.

Knoxville, Friday, Nov. 28. The Register says that Howard's Alabama Cavalry has returned to East Tennessee from Kentucky with 5,000 horses. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

FROM SUFFOLK.

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THE WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST.

A letter in the Mobile Advertiser and Register, dated 4th inst. (Nov. 28), says: "No doubt the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

THE REMOVAL OF NON-COMBATANTS FROM SAVANNAH. A BILL FOR THE RELIEF OF THE CITIZENS OF SAVANNAH AND TO AID IN THE DEFENSE OF SAID CITY.

By the General Assembly: That the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from the treasury of the State of Georgia, to be paid to the City of Savannah, and provided for the maintenance of the non-combatants in Savannah. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

IRON-CLASPS IN THE GULF.

From the Savannah Daily, Nov. 12. There are three iron-clad vessels in the Gulf of Mexico. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

THE MARKETS.

From the Dispatch, Nov. 28. Notwithstanding the high price which every article of produce commands, the markets and produce stores indicate any way, and the price of cotton is in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm. It is said that the rebels are in a state of great alarm.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We have a dispatch from the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac this morning, which states that the rebels have not changed their position. On Thursday they brought some field-pieces in bear on our gunboats lying in the Rappahannock, near Port Royal, but a few shots soon compelled them to withdraw out of range. The weather is reported to be cold and unpleasant.

The news from the Southwest is becoming interesting, as the plans of Gen. GRANT and Sherman become more fully developed. The advance of the two columns of National troops under the immediate command of these two Generals is not the only movement against the enemy in Mississippi recently. The expedition under Gen. Hovey, which recently left Helena, we now learn made a landing at Friar's Point, some fifteen or twenty miles below, and marching inland, occupied Grenada on Monday last. A large number of the citizens fled on the approach of our forces, and some fifteen or twenty locomotives, and about a hundred cars were burned. We learn from the St. Louis Republican that a large proportion of Gen. Hovey's Expedition consists of cavalry, which indicates that the work assigned to it is to be done rapidly. This work, undoubtedly, is to obstruct the retreat of the rebel army down the Mississippi Central Railroad, and to compel a battle with the combined National forces marching southward.

A dispatch, dated Cincinnati, Dec. 3, has these items: "Gen. ROSECRANS has made a forward movement toward Murfreesboro, and as the enemy have made a stand there, and determined to give battle, an engagement during the present week is expected. The National army has advanced with limited transportation, and ten days' rations. The enemy are claimed to be well fortified between Murfreesboro and Dechard, in a naturally strong position. McCLELLAN's expedition will not fairly get off before Christmas. The gunboat *Indianola*, built on the *Monitor* style, heavily encased in iron, and of powerful build, is at the wharf, but will not get away for a week to come. Gen. GAINGER's army is actively on the move, and important results from his line of march are anticipated. Gen. WRIGHT is in Louisville on an important mission."

Gen. ROSECRANS is organizing a train of 5,000 pack mules, to give his army sufficient and sufficient means of transportation when it moves. Gen. Cox informs the War department of a brilliant and successful affair in Greenbrier County, Western Virginia. Col. PATTON, of the Second Virginia Cavalry, supported by the Eleventh Ohio Infantry, made an attack on a post of the enemy, near Cold Knob, surprising the rebels, capturing two commissioned officers, one hundred non-commissioned officers and privates, one hundred horses, two hundred stand of arms, four wagons, and the camp equipage of a regiment—all without the loss of a man.

On Dec. 3 dispatches were received at headquarters in St. Louis from Gen. BLUNT, stating that Gen. HINDMAN and MARMADUKE were concentrating their forces, 25,000 strong, preparatory to an attack upon him. Gen. BLUNT will not retreat, and as reinforcements under Gen. HENRICK are on the way, there is a prospect of another battle near the scene of the last at Cane Hill.

Ex-Col. FORD, in a card which appears in the *Columbian* (Pa.) *Facts*, denounces in strong terms the Harper's Ferry Commission. He says "its report is false and unfair in its statements, and the facts have been suppressed for fear that certain prospective promotions might not take place." His application to Judge HOLT for the privilege of publishing that part of the testimony relative to him was denied. He intimates that facts will sooner or later appear that will show who should be held responsible for the surrender of Harper's Ferry.

GENERAL NEWS.

By the arrival last evening of the steamship *Ocean Queen*, we have advices from the Isthmus of Panama to the 25th ult., and later news from Central and South America. The *Ocean Queen* brought upwards of \$700,000 in treasure. A severe gale, accompanied by a heavy sea, commenced at Aspinwall at 2 A. M. on Saturday, Nov. 23d, doing great damage to the shipping, wharves, &c. About daylight the Royal Mail Steamship Company's Steamship *Arion*, lying at the Middle Wharf, tore down part of the wharf, dragged her anchors, parted her hawsers, and went on shore. About the same time, the British brig *Boisier*, lying at the same wharf, parted her moorings and struck the beach. Neither of them could be got off. The *Arion* took in a million of dollars in specie the evening previous, but it had all been recovered after the gale abated. The United States brig *Bainbridge* dragged her anchors to within a few fathoms of the reef. Her guns, spars, stores, &c., were all thrown on board, and on Sunday her officers and crew abandoned her; but as she still held on, they took possession of her again on Tuesday. Other vessels were also seriously damaged. The gale was accompanied by very heavy rain, which caused the waters in the interior to rise so as to overflow the railroad track at different places for miles; at some points it was ten feet above the track. There was no communication with Panama by train from Saturday evening until Thursday evening, when the passengers from England for South America crossed. The passengers from San Francisco for New-York arrived at Panama Tuesday morning, but could not cross until Friday morning. The passengers and mails from South America for England were left behind at Panama, as they were not able to cross in time for the steamer from Aspinwall. Thirty-four inches of water had fallen at Aspinwall from the 1st to the 25th of November. Our correspondence contains details of news from Central and South

American, but it presents no features of special importance.

At the Produce Exchange meeting, on Saturday, in aid of the starving and suffering in Lancashire, England, addresses were made by the President of the Commercial Association, Mr. JAMES P. WALLACE, Rev. THEO. L. CUTLER and Prof. J. H. RAYMOND, of Brooklyn; and contributions were received to the amount of \$8,460 in cash. \$200 barrels of flour at \$1,000, bushels, corn. A permanent Relief Committee was appointed, to receive and take charge of contributions, and see that they were promptly forwarded to the proper destination.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and transacted considerable business of a routine character, and very little of general interest. A supplementary bill of Fourth of July expenses, (chiefly for advertising,) amounting to \$297, was ordered to be paid, as was also a bill, amounting to \$1,545, incurred on the reception of the Twelfth Regiment from the seat of war the last time, and a dinner given afterward to the members of the corps at St. Nicholas. A bill of workmen engaged in exhuming remains from the old Potter's Field, in 1860, amounting to \$533 50, was discussed, and finally laid over. The work was ordered by Mayor WOOD, but was stopped by Comptroller HAYS, after several hundred dollars had been paid on it, because he was satisfied that it was a swindle. Last year the bill was ordered by the Common Council to be paid out of Mayor WOOD's contingent fund, but he vetoed this plan of payment. It is now proposed to pay out of the donation fund, which Mr. BOWEN says will not bear it. He proposes to put it in the tax levy next year, believing that the workmen deserve their wages. Adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M. on Monday.

The Aldermen, as City Canvassers, have made rapid progress in canvassing the returns of the recent Charter election. The returns so far examined have proved unusually free from errors. The incidence at the sessions of the Board has been very light, no result heretofore published being considered doubtful. On Friday the Board consumed six hours in canvassing. Yesterday they were in session only an hour, and adjourned to meet on Monday, at 10 o'clock A. M. The District canvassers so far are those of Messrs. Smith, Walsh, Hall, Brady, Chipp, Mitchell, Frazer, and Parley. Eight Districts remain to be canvassed.

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The oil from the wells in Oil Creek, Pennsylvania, is being sent down to the Allegheny River by means of artificial freshets, the water being collected for this purpose in ponds, from which it is allowed to escape at stated periods by opening sluices. In nearly every freshet large quantities of oil are lost, unavoidably, or through the carelessness of the workmen. The business of Tuesday and Friday of last week were among the most disastrous that have yet occurred, the oil being worth, at the lowest calculation, \$100,000. Of Friday's freshet the Oil City Register says: "When the first rush of water came, some twenty of these broke loose. The boats along the creek and burning tents in the most malicious and infamous misrepresentation and lie brought up by some treacherous scoundrel, who should be regarded and held up before the public as an official rebel agent and sensationist. It affords me pleasure to say that the Twenty-sixth Wisconsin is in the best of spirits, and in constant exercise and drill, in excellent health."

The opinion of Justice PICKENS, delivered at General Term of the Supreme Court, in the recent Saloon case, will be found in the law column. The Court say that it will not take judicial notice of the fact that the sale of lager beer is prohibited in the lobbies of theatres and other licensed places of public amusement.

Bradstreet's were in limited demand on Saturday, and the principal kinds were in short supply. Provisions were moderately active at essentially unaltered rates. Groceries, Hemp, Metals, Oils, Candles, Coal and Naval Stores were sparingly purchased. Cotton was very quiet and nominally a shade lower. Hay, Hides, Leather, Wool, Fruit, and other Foreign Liquors were in fair demand. The freight market was more active, with 550 vessels of all classes in port.

A FRENCH BIOGRAPHY OF AN AMERICAN OFFICER.—The *Courier du Dimanche* (a French journal) has a very able, lively and astounding account of the life of the "Butcher Butler," which we would be supremely happy to copy entire into our columns, were they not lumbered up with news from the army and the reports of Departments. The *Courier* justly says that "Butler is the son of an Alsatian emigrant, by trade a butcher."

He did not play for him? What part would he have played? Mr. LINCOLN and himself only knew; but war having broken out Mr. BUTLER found himself in an awkward predicament. His career as an attorney was seriously compromised; his usual clients were dispersed. As a shrewd man, Mr. BUTLER raised a militia regiment, which elected him its Colonel."

The *Courier* then gives a touching account of Gen. BUTLER's personal appearance and his rule in New-Orleans; but the heretofore unknown cause which impels him to deeds of tyranny is so knowingly and correctly told, that we promise to publish it to the world at the close of the war. We are glad to see that the French Press is becoming so well informed concerning the American struggle and those who are the prominent actors in it. We trust the *Courier* will not fail to give insertion to the correct item of its London contemporary in regard to President LINCOLN's recent importation to New-York of a large stock of French guillotines.

Pacification Plots and Rumors.

The stories that the rebel leaders have commenced indirect negotiations for an amnesty are unworthy of the slightest credence.

Undoubtedly, rebel hopes are at a lower ebb now than at any time since the war began. The dead failure of the great schemes to conquer a peace by the simultaneous invasion of the Free States, East and West, and by kindling an Indian war—the fact that the National armies are far larger and more energetically led than ever before—the increasing straits to which their own armies are reduced, for the want of the necessities of life—the blasted expectations of European intervention—the uncertainty as to the practical effect of the President's Proclamation;—all, doubtless, combine to give peculiar gloom to the present Winter prospect of the rebels. The depraved tone of the rebel journals, in such contrast with their old cock-a-hoop vein, would be sufficient evidence of that, even were it not so plain that in the nature of things it must be so.

Still we have no idea that the rebel leaders are yet sufficiently humbled to lower their "Stars and Bars," and to sue for a return to "the old concern" they so contemptuously turned against and defied. They have not yet experienced that last direful extremity, short of which pride like theirs never yields. In fact, so far as these leaders are concerned, it is doubtful whether they will be any nearer yielding when they do experience it—whether they will not, like their archetype of old, court any fate sooner than give up.

—the unquenchable will.
And study of revenge, immortal hate,
And courage never to submit or yield.
The case of these rebel chiefs is a desperate one; and in our opinion, there will be no rest until they are dismissed from the continent, or better yet, from the planet itself.

But, incredulous as we are that these arch traitors are now seeking pardon and reconciliation, we do not doubt that they have sympathizers in the North who are trying to open the way for such a consummation. Not only the express avowals of JONAS VAN BUREN and FERNANDO WOOD, and other semi-seceder Democrats establish this, but it is corroborated by the proposition made to the Senate by Senator DAVIS, of Kentucky, for a Convention at Louisville to settle upon "the proper means to be pursued for restoring the Union." This, of course, implies that the war in which we are engaged is not "the proper means," and that the rebels may hope for some other alternative than unconditional submission to the Constitution, which they have been battling. It involves the feeling of dissatisfaction with the war, and the idea of buying a peace by ample concession. It is known, too, that there are other projects afoot shaped in a similar policy. Though probably not connected with the concurrence, or even the privacy, of JEFF. DAVIS, or of the *camarilla* at his elbow, yet they are designed in his interest. Their purpose is to treat, and make terms, with traitors.

Well, let the thing proceed. We ask nothing better than that these Democratic—or, if they like the name better, these conservative—leaders should commit themselves to some definite scheme of pacification. People have been humbugged quite enough by their cry for a "more vigorous prosecution of the war." It is high time that everybody understood what that sort of talk really meant—high time that the intrigues, and machinations and plots which have been so long going on behind the scenes, should take some decided palpable shape, that cannot be mistaken. It has got to come to this, sooner or later. Conspiracy may do very well up to a certain limit; but to conspire the loyal North into any submission, either entire or partially, to the rebels, without their knowing it, is quite out of the question. Private arrangements answer well enough so long as the matter in hand is confined to paper. But it will take more Machiavellian ingenuity than is possessed by FERNANDO WOOD or any of his fellow-plotters to prevent the people from being a party to the business, when the day for action comes. How the people will deal with it, when it is thus presented, need excite no concern. The late Democratic victories were not gained on any such issues as these men now claim, and sanction no such ends as they are now pursuing. We warned the people of this dissimulation, but in vain. It is now fast coming to light. There is no danger, that when once understood, it will be sustained and made successful. The heart of the great body of the people is still as true as ever. Never did it feel less sympathy for rebellion, and never was it more determined to secure absolute submission. Its sole eagerness is that BRADSHAW and ROSECRANS shall push on their resistless columns. The rebels may fight, and their sympathizers may plot; but there is no more chance for the one than the other.

POSTAGE STAMPS AND PUBLIC CURRENCY.—We are glad to learn that the redemption of postage stamps will commence at the City Post-office within a few days. A series of rules, in the main just, have been adopted to this end, which we give this morning. We

trust that not a day will be lost in carrying out the arrangement, as there are many thousands of postage stamps in private hands in this City, which are at present almost useless. This is just so much withdrawn from the currency of the City. In many instances, too, sums in stamps, varying from one dollar to twenty, are held by poor persons and small traders, who cannot afford to retain them, and yet find difficulty in passing them, as many of them are grievously defaced.

The use of postage stamps as currency has gone out very rapidly within the past fortnight. They are now almost entirely superseded by the new Government currency and the shipplasters of towns, villages and corporations. We are glad that there is such a general aversion on the part of the public to private issues of shipplasters. There is no necessity for them whatever; they can never be made generally current, and a large proportion of them are so gotten up as to amount to a virtual swindle upon the public. One saw the other day had the name of a prominent bank on its front, but underneath this was printed in small and almost illegible characters, the fact or legend that the bill would be redeemed by a certain two-penny grocer in Albany, when five dollars worth of the checks were presented at the bank, whose name, probably without authority, was printed thereupon. Such issues are fraudulent, and are designed with that end. The Government currency alone is now nearly equal to public necessities, and by the end of the year will probably be quite up to the demand. This is the best and most universal currency we are likely to have for a long time, and all other issues should be discouraged.

Silver has gone completely out of use, and the sight of a ten cent or five cent coin is now as rare in New-York as in Richmond. The rebel newspapers, some time ago, told of a public exhibition of a quarter of a dollar at the rebel Capital, and probably BARNUM has by this time added one to his large and startling stock of ancient curiosities. It is said that a woman in this City recently got a silver quarter in change in a grocery, and she kissed it and shed tears. She will probably shed more tears when she has to part with it.

The Redemption of New-Orleans.

The Military Governor of the State of Louisiana appointed an election on Wednesday last for two members of Congress for New-Orleans. As the greater part of the inhabitants of the city have already taken the oath of allegiance to the United States Government, we have no doubt that the election was participated in by a majority of the voters, and that two earnest, unconditional Union men will soon take their seats in Congress as representatives of the first commercial city of the South. This election, coupled with the appointment of a Federal Judge and Marshal for the District, which, it is understood, will speedily be made, will practically complete the restoration of New-Orleans.

It has taken just seven months to accomplish this. It was on the first day of last May that Gen. BUTLER—"Pleasure BUTLER," as they then styled him in their contempt—marched up with three regiments from the levee, to the music of a single life and drum, amid crowds surging with stifled rage, to the vacant St. Charles Hotel, there to fix his headquarters as military commandant. There was not in all the rebel Confederacy so tough a spot to deal with. Its population was four times larger than that of any other Confederate city, and contained an even greater proportion of the desperate elements of Southern society. All of the better classes had been thoroughly infatuated with the idea that New-Orleans, as the great commercial emporium of a Confederacy resting on cotton and free trade, had a matchless destiny before it. Thus, interest and malignity peculiarly combined to make the treason of New-Orleans, to all appearance, implacable and incorrigible. Gen. BUTLER, undismayed by the solid front of deadliest hate before him, promptly set about his work of reconciliation. His manner of working was remarkable, and quickly attracted the attention of Europe as well as of our own country. It was such a mingling of severity with lenity, of sternness with good nature, of promptness with patience, of method and consistency with a thorough adaptation to circumstances, that the world looked on with amazement, hardly knowing what to make of it.

"Put the worm on the hook tenderly as though you loved it," is the direction of that consummate old angler, ISAAC WALTON. BEN. BUTLER has imitated the successful "varmint" of New-Orleans precisely so. On every occasion he has made it bend to the precise necessity in hand, and yet aside from that, he has always given it full play. His worst enemy could not justly charge him with any wanton persecution. His famous proclamation against the women who insulted and abused his soldiers, cured the evil on the instant, without a particle of real injury, though the outcry was frightful. His hanging of MUMFORD, for hauling down the flag, effectually made the flag feared and respected from that time on; and yet no man could call it oppression, in the face of the similar execution of the two National soldiers for plundering the enemies of that same flag. His requirement upon all adults, of both sexes, to register their loyalty or disloyalty, and either to take the oath of allegiance or present an inventory of their property, had the effect of compelling no less than seventy thousand to swear new fidelity to the Constitution, and the "registered enemies" of the Government have been put under proper surveillance. The policy, throughout, has been the most unflinching directness and thoroughness in doing everything needful, and a careful and complaisant avoidance of all things needless. The result has been that the great body of the New-Orleans Secessionists have quietly conformed to the necessities of the situation, as from day to day developed and imposed by Gen. BUTLER, until now they find themselves square up in line with Baltimore and St. Louis and New-York, and every other loyal city in the Union. The secession

minority who still hold out are nervous, powerless, hopeless.

The success of Gen. BUTLER in restoring New-Orleans to its old position in the Union, is proof positive of the groundlessness of the idea that the South, even though subdued, will never again cooperate with the North in the performance of its constitutional duties. It is impossible to conceive a reason why the result that has been so soon wrought out in New-Orleans should not also be reached in any other locality once brought into our military possession. No other place, in fact, can be named where the difficulties that would have to be overcome, are so manifold and grave. New-Orleans was the real *prize de resistance*, the veritable crucial test, which has settled the matter beyond all rational doubt. The only concern hereafter need be, that the Government should, in every case, take care that the recovered cities and States are put under men of the right stamp, while the military rule continues. Gen. BUTLER has given a practical illustration of the way to do it; and it will henceforth devolve upon Government simply to select the men who have the discernment and the nerve to practice upon his model. Insure us men of the proper mold for all similar positions henceforth, and we may safely reckon that the complete rehabilitation of every part of rebeldom will follow closely upon the heels of our triumphant soldiers.

Louis Napoleon's Designs and Dangers.

According to the late news from Paris, a serious plot against the life of Louis Napoleon has been discovered. No less than one hundred and twenty persons, it is alleged, mostly Italians, had banded themselves together to take their stations along a new Boulevard about to be opened by the Emperor, and assail him with bombs, one after the other, as he passed, until he should certainly be slain. The story was narrated by our Paris correspondent yesterday, and is also given with entire positiveness in the Paris correspondence of the London *Star*, while a similar report in certain German States has created no little uneasiness among the bankers and stock operators. The plot, according to our Paris correspondent, was frustrated by its being revealed to the French Government by an American Captain. The opening of the Boulevard, for which the Emperor had made the grandest preparations, was postponed; the conspirators were placed under arrest, and the life of the Third Napoleon is once more, at least temporarily, safe. It is a matter of prime necessity with despots to keep from the people all knowledge of such affairs. Especially would this necessity be felt in France, where revolutions and conspiracies are consecrated, and the spirit of assassination exists as an inherited humor in the blood.

The truth of the story seems to be undisputed, and the circumstances from which our information comes, renders it very probable. The like has happened in Paris before. The world has not forgotten ONSINI, who attempted the Emperor's life some years back, and strewed the street with dead around the imperial carriage, which was itself shattered by the terrible torpedo. ONSINI gave political reasons for his conduct, declaring that Louis Napoleon had proved false to Italy and to liberty, and deserved no longer to live. It was alleged that ONSINI before his execution made a communication to the Emperor, warning him of continued danger, and assuring him that a league had been formed by Italians to take his life, though all of them should perish before the deed was consummated. The present attempt, our correspondent asserts, was also wholly of a political character, though he does not state specifically that it had relation to the Italian question. Whether or not there was truth in the revelation of ONSINI is not known. But it has always been believed that ONSINI's attempt on the Emperor's life, and the dread of Italian vengeance, profoundly affected his policy, and drove him to the war upon Austria, in behalf of Italy. It is certain that his action in this direction greatly modified the Italian view of his character; and for some years, if not positively popular, he was at least held in respect by Italians.

Latterly, the sympathy between the parties has utterly died out. The Emperor still stands over Italy, but, it is felt, not as a friend, but as a jailer. He denies to Italy her national Capital. He abhors and persecutes GARIBOLDI as an enemy to the public peace. He keeps Italy sundered, irritated and uneasy, and ventures to say that he is following therein the "permanent and traditional interests of France." A more significant and alarming declaration could not have been made. All Italians will understand what this means—that Italy must serve the ambition of the BONAPARTE. It is therefore easy to credit the present story, when we take the history of the Emperor and his recent action into account.

There are those who believe that it is Italy alone that Louis Napoleon is playing false toward, but that the United States are doomed to experience his hostility, if his life be not prematurely terminated. It is believed by such that the Emperor has resolved to recognize the independence of the rebel States, on his own account, without regard to the refusal of England and Russia to cooperate with him; and that an alliance, offensive and defensive, is to be made with the Confederates, in view of the Emperor's designs in Mexico. It is held that the Emperor owes the Union a grudge for having received the Orleans Princes into his army, and that by helping the South to its independence he can get for France a monopoly of cotton, and thus bankrupt England, and destroy her power.

If so great a scheme as this latter is seriously entertained by Louis Napoleon, it does credit to the magnificence of his ideas, but will destroy, in a very short time, his reputation for sagacity. The man who should plant his heel on our nation (that is, on the North) and throw the South into the sea, would

destroy the commercial supremacy of a third (England), and aim a blow at the life of a fourth (the United States), all at the same time, and when his own power is a usurpation, which plants daggers in the dark about his path, would be a madman, whom the gods must soon destroy.

BARBARISM—NORTH AND SOUTH.—Our readers know well that we have never justified the act of Gen. McNEIL in Missouri, in shooting the ten guerrillas; and we are not at all surprised that that act should have excited a good deal of indignant comment on the other side of the water. But, when it comes to speaking of the South as "a brave and orderly people," and of our armies as "the hordes of a barbarous invader," we must insist that the experiment upon public credulity is somewhat extreme. We certainly do not concede that the South is any less barbarous than ourselves; and if this one act on the part of supporters of our cause proves that we are barbarians, a statement of the Richmond *Whig* as to the hanging of five prisoners taken by them, in retaliation for the death of one of their men in Kentucky, proves that they are equally so; that is, if the same rule is to be applied to both cases.

But we think one such act on either side is hardly sufficient proof to show that the whole people are barbarians either North or South. It would not be fair to judge a whole people from a single act of an irregular partisan leader, done under provocation and in hot blood, perhaps. If either party are to be stigmatized as barbarians, it should be either from a general survey of their whole course of action, or from individual acts done by distinguished leaders, or with full deliberation, by legislative bodies. And we point in this connection, to another letter in the Richmond *Whig*, from Columbia, S. C., which states that "Georgia has enacted by her Legislature that every Yankee found within her borders after the 1st of January, shall, if caught, be hung," and that Gov. PICKENS, of South Carolina, has recommended similar action, which would be adopted by the Legislature of that State now in session. And on this the editor of the *Whig* calls upon the people of Virginia "to organize for the same purpose," saying, "We should be prepared to meet the enemy everywhere, and to treat them, as Gov. PICKENS recommends, as felons."

Here, then, we have this same course of action, which the secession Press everywhere has foisted about so in the case of Gen. McNEIL, adopted by the Legislature of one of the Southern States and made a part of the law of the land; recommended by the Governor of another State for adoption by its Legislature, and urged upon the people of a third by a leading journal in her chief city—the rebel Capital. From such facts as these, the logical steps to the conclusion that the whole Southern people is barbarized, would seem to be few and direct.

But why should we go through the argument? We have known the terrible facts long ago. The universal testimony of refugees who have made their escape from the midst of the horrors with which the rebellion has filled that land as full as was DANTE'S "Inferno," and of those of our prisoners whom the dread fortune of war has plunged deep within its gloomy shades, have shown us, and all whose minds were not so filled with prejudice that no evidence would convince them, not even though one rose from the dead, that long indulgence in Slavery had planted seeds of barbarism which the fierce heats of rebellion and civil war had forced into rank and terrible growth. That the same effects should have been produced in some degree on both sides is not incredible. That in a rough border community where the poison of Slavery had also prevailed, there should have been one such instance as that of Gen. McNEIL on the National side, we regret, but cannot be much surprised at. It will be a long time, however, before such things will be countenanced by us, much less adopted as a general course of action by the Government of any State.

IMPORTANT TO BUSINESS MEN.

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resemble, with resolution, that the Clerk of the C

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munications from the first day of January one thousand eigh-
t hundred and sixty-two, to the first day of January
one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, at an ex-
pense of one thousand dollars, which sum is hereby ap-
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draw upon the same upon the presentation of proper vouchers,
which was lost.

The report of Committee on Streets, with resolution
thereon, passed by yeas thirty-one, nays twenty-five.
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of Fifty-seventh-street, between the Third and Fourth Avenues, sagged, corbed and guttered, where not almost level, and that the accompanying ordinance be adopted.

Resolution, that the Comptroller be directed to draw a warrant in favor of Wm. Keane & Co. for the sum of one hundred and seventy-six dollars and twenty-five cents for furnishing gas-pipes and fixtures, and putting up the same to the order of the Board of Aldermen, which was referred to Committee on Repairs and

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to give his warrant in favor of persons set opposite to his name, and to be paid to the same to its proper account. This was laid over.

The session of the Bloomingdale Baptist Church for 1860, was held on the 10th inst. and the following resolutions were directed to draw his warrant for the sum of \$100, D. D. pastor of the Bloomingdale Baptist Church, to be applied by the said church to the clerk of the court in payment of an assessment on the property of the said church, for the purpose of erecting a new steeple and flagging Forty-second street between Fifth-avenue and Broadway, and paying said assessment, and the said church is directed to certify the said amount to be charged by the Clerk of the court to the general of donations.

This was laid over.

GENERAL ORDERS.

A resolution that five hundred dollars be appropriated to the purchase of a lot of ground containing about a wend of colors for the Twelfth Regiment of the State Militia.

This was laid over.

A resolution that the Treasurer be directed to make specifications and advertise for proposals to build a new building for the Twelfth Regiment of the State Militia, on the lot between Third and Third and Hook and Ludlow Company's property.

Resolutions Adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Connelmen Horan, Berner, Weidner, Desmond, Jones, Ryan, Gross, Reney, Wells, Hamilton, Keetch, Lent, Stevenson, The President.

Negative—Councilmen Ross, Trotter—2.

The resolution ordered a Member that the Committee of Finance report in favor of Francis J. Ryan, J. Christian R. Woodruff, George Meyer, Gustav A. Valentine and William Hitchman the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, to be levied upon the members of the Board of Aldermen for the year nineteen hundred and eighty-two; also, in favor of N. Parker and L. P. Smith, each for the sum of one hundred dollars, to be levied upon the members of said board as messengers, &c., to the several Councils of the Board of Aldermen for the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-one, to be taken from the salary of City Controller George A. McLaughlin.

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By Board of Aldermen, prayer of petitioner granted. Which was concurred in by the following roll call:—
Aldermen:—James C. Griffith, James C. Fries, James C. Hamilton, James C. Ryan, George C. Repper, Webster C. Hamilton, George C. Lent, Stevenson, Balcomb, and the Negative-Concurrence Doss, The President, 12.
RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.
By Councilman Balcomb (introduced by name of applicant)—
Resolved, That crosswalks be laid across the street at Fifty-eighth-street, in a line with the crosswalk on either side of said Fifty-eighth-street.
By Councilman Webster (introduced by name of applicant)—
Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen pass a Bill of Franz C. Rieth, amounting to ten dollars or driving up pull of First Election District, Teeth.
Referred to Comptroller with power.
By Councilman Webster (introduced by name of applicant)—
Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen pass a Bill of James Griffith, amounting to ten dollars.

Councilman Harrison moved to suspend the rule for purpose of taking a paper from the table. Which was lost.

MINUTE ORDERS RESUMED.

Report of Committee on Finance of Board of Aldermen resolution, that the Comptroller be directed to take a paper from the table, and to report to the next meeting of the council, for the sum of nine hundred and seventy dollars and forty-three cents, to be applied to the purchase of a lot of land, situated in the city of New York, for the sum of thirty-three dollars between Fifth and Sixth streets, and between Broadway and Avenue C, and for taxes on said property since the same was sold for exclusively religious purposes, the whole amount of \$1,000.00.

Which was concurred in by the following vote: Affirmative—Councilmen Hogan, Garney, Hayes, Deamond, Kane, Smith, and Cullen. Negative—Councilmen Hendon, Snyder, Brice, Long, and Sullivan. Councilmen Ross, Stevenson, and Sullivan were absent.

The action of the Board of Aldermen, that the Comptroller be directed to take a paper from the table of Thomas Byrnes, the late Superintendent of the City of New York, for the sum of nine hundred and sixty-three dollars and thirty-one cents, to be applied to the purchase of a lot of land, situated in the city of New York, for the sum of thirty-three dollars between Fifth and Sixth streets, and between Broadway and Avenue C, and for taxes on said property since the same was sold for exclusively religious purposes, the whole amount of \$1,000.00.

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WEEKLY AVERAGES OF THE NEW-YORK CITY BANKS

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RECEIPTS OF LAST WEEK'S CROPS AT CHICAGO

Table with 3 columns: Crop Type, Quantity, Price. Includes entries for Wheat, Corn, etc.

MOVEMENTS OF EUROPEAN STEAMERS

Table with 3 columns: Ship Name, Destination, Date. Includes entries for St. Andrew, Glasgow, etc.

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Table with 3 columns: Ship Name, Destination, Date. Includes entries for St. Andrew, Glasgow, etc.

DEPARTURE OF DOMESTIC MAILS

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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Text describing real estate listings, including properties in New York City.

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Text describing market conditions for various commodities.

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Text describing stock market activity and prices.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

A dispatch from the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac states that there were no movements of importance yesterday, but that the impression is prevalent that the quiet would be of short duration. There has already been some important changes in the position of our troops, as will be seen by our correspondents' letters.

The rebels begin to show their tribulation regarding the various movements of our forces, land and naval. In the Richmond papers of Saturday we find several items which clearly indicate this. The most important of these is the statement that our forces under Gen. BURNSIDE have commenced crossing the Rappahannock at Port Royal; that there was brisk skirmishing in that vicinity on Friday morning, and that the general aspect of affairs indicated that a battle would soon be fought. The report, although we have received nothing like it from our own side, is quite likely to be true, as we have been led to expect something of the kind from the nature of our private advices. It is also stated that the "Yankees" at Suffolk were last week reinforced, the number now there being thirty thousand, who are to move against Petersburg, while the force at Newbern, N. C., is to operate simultaneously against Weldon. We also have the statement from the rebels that a National fleet of twenty vessels sailed from Hilton Head on Friday last, supposed to be aiming at Georgetown or Wilmington, N. C., while a number of large vessels have been seen passing Charleston going southward—supposed to be bound to Mobile.

A Fort Monroe dispatch to the Philadelphia Press, dated Dec. 8, says: "There was a division, commanded by Gen. EMMETT, sent south from here last night. It has been heretofore supposed that it would form a part of the Banks expedition. Its destination is to reinforce Gen. POSTER in North Carolina. The rebels threaten to prevent him from advancing by way of Weldon to Suffolk, to reinforce BANKS in his advance from Suffolk upon Petersburg, in overwhelming force. The reinforcements consist of three New-York regiments, one Pennsylvania, and one Massachusetts, including a force of over four thousand men."

A correspondent writes from Washington: "I hear that parties are buying up the bonds of the rebel Government wherever they can be obtained at or near the figure of fifty cents on the dollar. It is probably not known that quite a considerable amount of rebel currency finds its way to the North, brought chiefly by persons arriving from the South and Southwest, who, it is said, find ready buyers of it at about the figure above stated. The latest Southern quotations for the bonds were 60 a 65, but when United States Treasury notes were given in payment, as for instance at New Orleans, Memphis or other Southern points held by our forces, a difference of 10 a 15 per cent. would be made against the rebel bonds. The private issues of some of the wealthy Southerners are represented to be eagerly sought after in New Orleans and elsewhere at the full par value, which shows that the individual promises to pay of the South are worth double what the bonds of the Government are."

A dispatch to the Philadelphia Inquirer, dated Palmouth, Sunday, Dec. 7, says: "Gen. HADY has a large force at work building a railroad bridge over the river back of Fredericksburg, and as the rebels have made no sign of disturbing it, it is evident they do not want a fight here, or fear that we will shell the town if they tire."

Advices from Newbern, N. C., state that the rebels intend to abandon immediately all that portion of the State lying east of the Weldon and Wilmington railroad.

Our advices from Tennessee recently have been not much more than a record of disasters—petty in their individual extent, but amounting in the aggregate to enough to render their contemplation unpleasant. The guerrilla MORGAN appears to have everything pretty much his own way. A brigade of Gen. ROSSCORN'S army, under command of a Col. MOORE, was attacked by him Sunday morning, at Hartsville, near Gallatin, and after a brief fight was captured. The brigade consisted of three infantry regiments, a battery, and a small detachment of cavalry. After the surrender of our forces the enemy burnt the camp, and destroyed all the other property they could not carry away. MORGAN is said to have attacked another detachment of our forces on the

same day at Gallatin, but to have been repulsed with heavy loss. We have no particulars of this affair, however. The rebels are known to have subsequently eluded pursuit by making a successful crossing of the Cumberland.

Cane Mill, Ark., has been the scene of more fighting, in which the National forces were successful. The rebels, under HINDMAN and MARMA-DUKE, 25,000 strong, attempted to force Gen. BLUNT'S position there, on Saturday, but were driven back. On Sunday morning the attempt was renewed, but with no better success. Gen. BLUNT is of opinion that this demonstration of the rebels was intended to cover their retreat.

A gentleman who arrived in Wheeling from Tucker County, Va., on Thursday evening, reports great excitement among the loyal people in that district, arising out of a report that the rebels were moving on St. George in great force. Some time ago Gen. MILROY levied a contribution upon certain rebels about St. George for the purpose of making good the losses sustained by Union men from the numerous rebel raids in Tucker County. The contributions amounted to about \$5,000, and the order of Gen. MILROY made it payable upon the 5th inst., under penalty of seizure and punishment. The rebels thus assessed were endeavoring to make the payment, and it was supposed that the rebels, under LINDSEY, were coming to relieve them.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger writes from Washington, under date of Dec. 6, as follows: "The plans for the capture of Richmond, now in process of execution, appear to be a diversion of the rebel army by a demonstration on the south side of Richmond, while Gen. BURNSIDE moves upon it by Frederickburg. The expedition under Gen. BANKS, and the one which left Fortress Monroe yesterday, will probably act together in this demonstration, and land a cavalry force of ten or twelve thousand in the vicinity of Harrison's Landing. These will scour the country on the south side, and finally unite with our forces at Weldon; but how we are to cross the James River when we arrive opposite the rebel capital, is not clear. It is not the intention, I hear, to assail Fort Darling at all on the land side, but merely to move around it; but really if this is the case, I cannot see how our forces are to march upon Richmond, when the James River would be between our troops and that city. Perhaps, as stated above, the move will be simply for the purpose of diverting the attention of the rebels from the Frederickburg route, and thus leave an easy conquest of the capital for BURNSIDE."

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a number of petitions in favor of a general Bankrupt law were presented. A memorial from Gov. MORTON, of Indiana, praying for an increase of soldiers' pay, was referred to the Military Committee. Mr. HALT gave notice of a bill to abolish the grade of medical officers in the navy. A resolution making inquiries regarding the number and rank of Aid-de-Camps, was adopted. The Secretary of War was instructed to report to the Senate the number of Major and Brigadier-Generals now in the service. The Military Committee was instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the more effectual suppression of the rebellion, and securing tranquillity in the State of Maryland. The call upon the Secretary of War for the correspondence relating to the Army of the Potomac was extended so as to embrace all its operations. The resolution relating to the arrest of certain citizens of Delaware, was called up and debated, but not disposed of. The Bankrupt act was taken up as the special order, but was informally laid aside. Mr. DAVIS, of Kentucky, offered a joint resolution proposing certain amendments to the Constitution, to alter the mode of electing the President and Vice-President. It was ordered to be printed. The Bankrupt bill was then again taken up, and made the special order for Thursday, the 18th inst. The Senate spent the remainder of the session with closed doors.

In the House, the vacancies in the Standing Committees were filled. The Committee on Indian Affairs was instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary regarding the Indian lands held by the Government. The President was requested to transmit to the House the last official report of Gen. BANKS. Mr. VAN WYCK introduced bills to provide indemnity for clothing lost in the service by soldiers, and to increase the soldiers' pay. They were referred to the Military Committee. Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, introduced his bill, notice of which was given last week, to indemnify the President and other persons for suspending the *habeas corpus*, and for all acts done in pursuance thereof. After several unsuccessful attempts to kill it, or to postpone its consideration, Mr. STEVENS asked that it be put upon its passage, which was ordered. A long debate intervened, but the bill finally passed, 90 to 45. Mr. WRIGHT, of Indiana, offered a series of resolutions declaring the unjustifiableness of the rebellion, and asserting our duty to put it down by every constitutional means, &c. They were tabled. Mr. WICKLIFFE, of Kentucky, introduced a bill for the protection and relief of loyal citizens, whose property and slaves have been taken by the army. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. After some business of minor importance, Mr. STEVENS offered a series of resolutions referring the various parts of the President's Message to appropriate Committees, when Mr. RICHARDSON, of Illinois, made a speech severely criticizing the document. The House then adjourned.

GENERAL NEWS.

A serious disturbance occurred among the soldiers employed near East New-York, on Sunday evening last. WILLIAM STELLAX, a private in Company C, Forty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteers, was shot dead; S. H. TAYLOR, Company I, Twenty-fourth Maine Volunteers, seriously wounded, and a hotel kept by a German named SCHLEINX burned to the ground. The difficulty arose between SCHLEINX and STELLAX, and the members of the Forty-ninth revenged themselves by burning SCHLEINX'S house. SCHLEINX is supposed to have committed the homicide. He made his escape, and has not yet been arrested.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The resolution to procure a portrait of THOMAS JEFFERSON, at a cost of \$1,000, came up in the course of a resolution upon a considerable amount of general business that had accumulated. It was adopted, nevertheless. At 2 o'clock a recess was taken till 6 o'clock. On reassembling, a resolution directing the Finance Committee to inspect the accounts of the Central Park Commissioners, before favoring a further issue of the Park stock, was presented by Mr. BOOLE, and adopted. The resolutions to purchase the Fort Gansevoort property, just passed by the Councilmen, were printed and laid over, some routine business was transacted, and an adjournment made till 1 o'clock P. M. to-day.

The Board of Councilmen had an important session yesterday afternoon, commencing at 4 o'clock. The resolution to give Gen. SLOAN an \$500 award again failed to pass; the resolution to increase the salary of the President of the Croton Board to \$5,000, that of the Water Register to \$2,500, and that of his deputy to \$2,000, was concurred in. The proposed purchase of the Fort Gansevoort property for \$533,450, led to a very earnest debate, Mr. ORRICK taking strong ground against the measure. It was

passed, notwithstanding, by 15 to 7; and the decision of the Chair, that 18 affirmative votes were necessary to carry the resolution, was not contested. The purchase to be made, was overruled by the same vote. A resolution was adopted, inquiring why the Water Police, in the Croton Department, are not paid. Concurrence was had in the resolution to locate a Farmers' Market at the foot of Sixteenth-street, East River, and of appropriating \$5,000 for the purpose. The Board adjourned till 4 P. M., of next Thursday.

The two monitors, building at Chester, Penn., by BRANX & SON, are still far from being completed. The one which is now under construction is the one which is now under construction. It is expected that it will be ready for service in a few weeks. The other monitor is now under construction. It is expected that it will be ready for service in a few weeks.

A paper manufacturer on the Kennebec informs the Portland Press that there is no lack of rags in Maine; that among those upon whom he has heretofore depended for supply he found one with ten tons of rags, another with five, and another with five, and so on, but all hold back, refusing to sell, thinking to get, by and by, fifteen or twenty cents a pound.

Gov. ANDREW has issued an order dated Boston, Dec. 4, which says: "The draft is hereby suspended throughout the Commonwealth for ten days, in order that the cities and towns may adopt the method herein suggested, and to furnish evidence of their having done so. In those cities and towns in which this proposed course is not adopted, the draft will then be executed, namely, on Thursday the eighteenth day of December current, in the manner directed by previous order. Those towns and cities which adopt the above suggestions, and with good faith and zeal apply themselves to the promotion of enlistments in the three years' service, will have a liberal extension of time for the purpose. The three years' regiments and batteries are likely to be so much more efficient and useful in the service of the country than any nine months' men can possibly be, that the additional time required to secure such a class of enlistments will be well repaid. Although the men are this day needed in the field, for Gen. BANKS' expedition and elsewhere, and should by all means be supplied at the earliest possible day, the superior efficiency that will be obtained by directing enlistments into the three years' service, will compensate for the small additional delay that will be necessary."

The Brewery of Messrs. ROBERT & GREENE, in Cincinnati, including the machinery necessary to the manufacture of beer and all the grains used therein, besides about 1,500 barrels, casks, &c., and all the usual articles of furniture, was looted by the United States Marshal on Friday last, because the proprietors refused to furnish the information called for by the Revenue Act.

A terrible affray occurred at Fort Stanton, New-Mexico, early in November, between Capt. GRAYNOX, an officer in Col. CARSON'S regiment of New-Mexican Volunteers, had an altercation with Dr. WHITLOCK, a prominent citizen, and drew a revolver to shoot him. Dr. WHITLOCK drew to defend himself, and on seeing his assailant retreat called upon the bystanders to look at the coward. The taunt provoked GRAYNOX to fire, which he did, wounding the doctor in the wrist, but a ball from his revolver struck GRAYNOX in the breast. As he sank to the ground he cried that he was murdered. Dr. WHITLOCK started for the sutler's store, near the scene of the affray, to get a bandage, but before he reached there, Capt. GRAYNOX, overtook him and discharged his musket at him in a body. He fell struck by 28 rifle balls and 25 shot. It is believed that he died. Capt. GRAYNOX had an understanding with Lieut. MORRIS that he was to provoke his company to avenge him if he fell.

Commissioner BORTWELL has decided that printers who merely print to order, what is generally denominated as "job work," are not manufacturers, and that their printed labels, blank forms, or other articles which are known to be articles of commerce, then they are manufacturers, and must be licensed and pay tax as such.

Col. J. D. WENSTER, who was detailed by the War Department to make surveys and estimate the cost of enlarging the Illinois and Michigan Canal, has been ordered to leave the canal at places \$13,346,824, if the plan of cutting down the summit level of the canal, so as to draw the supply of water directly from Lake Michigan is adopted.

The Louisville Journal states that upward of six wagon loads of mail matter, books, pamphlets and papers, have been destroyed at Bowdoin College, Green Ky., within the last month. Most of them were taken thither for the use of sick soldiers.

The property affected by the decision of the New-Jersey Court of Errors in the case of the Zinc Company against the Boston Franklin Company, is of great value, variously estimated at \$1,000,000, and has caused the complete stoppage of the manufacture of zinc, and almost that of Franklinite, as well as the complete cessation of business at Franklin.

Gen. CURTIS has issued a sharp order expressing his surprise that officers of his command have permitted the stealing of the horses of the absence and lurchings, and of accepting resignations. He adds: "These powers will cease to be exercised in future, and commanding officers will in such cases restrict themselves to making such remarks of approval or disapproval as in their discretion may be deemed proper."

A correspondent of the Haverhill Gazette, writing from Benning, S. C., Nov. 15, asserts that two hundred guns were fired in Charleston and the city beautifully illuminated, in honor of the Democratic victories in New-York and Pennsylvania.

The market for Stocks, yesterday, was a fraction weaker than on Saturday, but the early meeting of the New York Exchange, and the late closing of the London market, had a tendency to strengthen the market, and closed generally firm. Gold 131½; Exchange 145½ to 146.

Breadstuffs and Provisions were more active yesterday, and prices generally favored sellers. Groceries were inactive, as were also Metals, Oil, Hemp, Cotton, Whisky and Naval Stores. Hops, Hides, Tallow and Foreign Liquors were in good demand. The freight engagements were limited.

Cooler weather and a light supply of beets caused a brisk cattle market yesterday. Only 3,700 bullocks were on sale, and near 300 of these were bought by Government agents in a quiet way. A good many heavy strong horses, and a lot of cattle on sale, some of which brought 92c. butchers say 10c. ½ lb. net weight. The advance on all grades is equivalent to 1c., and the stock was so nearly sold out that, unless the 300 looked for from Albany arrive, there will not be enough for the wants of to-day. Hogs and sheep are both higher and in good request.

A DISHONORABLE AFFAIR.—Nothing could be more disgraceful to our arms than the capture of the brigade of troops in Tennessee, reported this morning—if the facts be as given. The brigade was composed of three infantry regiments, a detachment of cavalry and a battery of artillery, and it surrendered to a rebel force of about equal strength, after a fight in which it suffered the small loss of between fifty and sixty killed and wounded. The telegraph says that our forces were surprised. This may take away a portion of the disgrace from the private, but only to put tenfold more dishonor upon the officers. One of the most intrepid Generals of the first French Revolution said: "A surprise is more dishonorable than a defeat. The bravest man may be beaten, but who ever allows himself to be surprised, is unworthy to remain officer." We trust the case will be quickly investigated, and, if found true, that the guilty parties will, as soon as exchanged, be subjected to the most condign and inexorable punishment. Even this, however, will be a poor enough palliation for these repeated surprises and surrenders—not a few of which have taken place in Tennessee. It was MORGAN who surprised this brigade.

It would seem by this that the noted marauder is now operating northwest of Nashville, while the main rebel army of Tennessee is southeast of it. We have a large number of isolated brigades and regiments scattered all through this country. We trust that Gen. HALLOCK or President LINCOLN will at once find means of putting each of them on their guard, else MORRIS will soon half extinguish our armies in the Southwest.

Our Real Complaint Against England.

Now that it is settled that magnificent contributions of food will soon be sent from our shores toward the relief of the British operatives, Englishmen can afford to make a little effort to understand the real state of American feeling toward them and their Government. There is a great deal of misapprehension on the other side of the water in regard to this; and it has had the effect of causing multitudes of well-meaning men to think us extravagantly exacting and unreasonable.

What then is the real American complaint? It is not, as Englishmen generally assume, against the official action of the British Government. With that action, thus far, we have no very great fault to find. It has been confined to four procedures: First, the acknowledgment of belligerent rights; second, the proclamation of neutrality; third, the demand for the surrender of MASON and SLIDELL; and, fourth, the refusal to join France in intervention.

As to the first of these, it is true that we believe the raising of the rebellion to the level of belligerent power was improperly hasty—taking place as it did within a fortnight after the intelligence of the fall of Sumter. At least common courtesy, it would seem, should have dictated a postponement until the arrival of the new American Minister, Mr. ADAMS, which occurred immediately afterward. Yet, whatever we may think of the time chosen, the recognition in itself was proper. It relieved both England and our own Government from many embarrassments; particularly in giving unquestionable validity to our blockade, which, it is held, is a right that can exist only between belligerents, and in ridding our Government of all responsibility for the depredations of rebel privateers. To get free from other embarrassments, we have ourselves been obliged since to make substantially the same recognition of belligerent rights to the rebels.

The second procedure, the proclamation of neutrality, was commendable. No loyal American either expected or desired the British Government to be anything but neutral. True, the proclamation has not been faithfully carried out. It prohibited the supply of arms and ammunition to either belligerent, and yet they have been supplied to both in great quantities. We have perhaps derived as great an advantage, relatively, from this as the rebels, and do not complain on this score. In respect to the *Alabama*, built, equipped, owned and manned by British hands, to prey upon our commerce, we do not as yet understand that the vessel sailed with the actual consent of the British Government. It is said, on the other hand, that the Admiralty undertook to prevent that sailing, and failed only through mistake; and that effectual measures have been taken to avert a similar misfortune hereafter. We trust this is so. The wrong is undeniable. The counsel of the Crown has already decided this case of the *Alabama* to be a violation of international law. It is certainly contrary to what has always been our own construction of that law. When, during the Crimean war, the British Government complained that American built and sold vessels for Russia, our Government replied that, while it was allowable to sell and transport munitions of war, it was not allowable "to fit out, within the limits of the United States, a vessel to commit hostilities against any State with which the United States are at peace, or to increase the force of any foreign armed vessel intended for such hostilities against a friendly State."

In regard to the surrender of MASON and SLIDELL, Americans are content. Their own Government decided that international law, strictly construed, required it. That is enough. Whatever displeasure may have been occasioned by England's insisting upon the *summunus*, under the peculiar circumstances, is more than balanced by our satisfaction that she has thereby committed herself irrevocably to the high American doctrine of the rights of neutrals, in denial of which she sought her last war with us.

The fourth act of the British Government—its recent refusal to unite with France in an attempt to press upon us an armistice—of course is well liked. Whatever may have been the motives of the Ministry in separating themselves from the French Emperor in this matter, the act itself is welcome, and it shall go, as it ought to go, to their credit.

If, then, the official action of the British Government thus far has done us no great injustice or harm, what have we to complain of? How happens it that there is all through the loyal section of the United States, such an intense hardness of feeling towards England? The answer is easy. It comes from the fact that the great body of the upper and middle classes of England have, from the outset, through almost every organ of their opinion, not ceased to defame, malign and damage the sacred cause to which we have pledged our lives and fortunes. The Foreign Secretary, Earl RUSSELL, took early occasion, in a public speech, to stigmatize the conflict on our part as a struggle for "empire," while the rebels fought only for "independence;" and, in his seat in Parliament, he did not hesitate to express his "trust that the North will at last consent to a peaceable separation." Other members of the Ministry have, time and again, used similar language. Nine out of ten of the members of Parliament, and other public men of England, have sided with the rebels in their public addresses. Ninety-nine out of a hundred of the publications of the kingdom—reviews, magazines and newspapers—have unceasingly directed against us their sophisms, their sneers and

their invectives. From that source there has been from the start but one constant stream of misrepresentation and abuse. Because we have felt such abuse we have been only the more taunted. We should have been despicable if we had not felt it. No man worthy of the name will quietly endure a vilification of the cause he deems sacred. There never was a holier object than that which has moved the loyal twenty millions of these United States to maintain this struggle. They cannot composedly see it belied and maligned. It is impossible not to consider this protracted abuse but as an exponent of the feeling which animates the hearts of the ruling classes of England. It is so taken, and it will be so remembered. The insults and the injuries that are dealt in the day of misfortune are precisely those which rankle longest in the memory.

It is not the official action of the Government that has offended us; for that action has as yet done us no material injury. Nor is it the official inaction of the Government; for we would not have accepted its aid, in any form, had it been offered. Nor is it the withholding of business accommodations, even though Russia could borrow money in London to help her in the work of crushing Hungary, while loans were refused the United States that would have helped to save its free institutions. Every man, the world over, has a right to manage his business as he chooses. Nor is it the withholding of moral sympathy, even though it might have been expected that a nation so closely allied to our own in blood, language, literature, law and religion—a nation which originally forced Slavery upon us, and which afterward made peculiar professions of hatred to Slavery, would have freely extended that sympathy, when Slavery sought to strike down our National life; moral sympathy we do not want unless it can come spontaneously. Nor is it the contraband traffic which has been kept up with the rebels, from the start, though Frenchmen and Belgians and Prussians and all other people have abstained from all such operations; remembering that Englishmen manufacture idols for the heathen, and fight the Chinese for the privilege of selling opium, we know how to make great allowance for English greed. It is none of those things that disturb us. It is the studied, systematic, persistent reviling of our cause, which is to us as grand as liberty, as sacred as the memory of our fathers, as priceless as the national life itself—it is this chiefly which has filled us with detestation and disgust. Among the laboring classes of England there has been little or nothing of this. They have instinctively appreciated the real merits of our struggle, and, under great trials, have acted nobly. They are remembered. The other portion of England will also be remembered.

Now, while it seems clear that, for all acts which have been done from pure motives and with a single regard to the public weal, there should be complete indemnity, and that, if any who have been sufferers therefrom are to be recompensed, it should be the work of the nation, assuming so far the acts of its honest servants and doing what it can to retrieve their errors; yet it is by no means clear that the indemnity should extend beyond that. On the contrary, it appears highly desirable to adopt such measures as shall not only protect all who have been just and patriotic in what they have done, but shall, at the same time, teach those who in such junctures avail themselves of the disturbed state of civil affairs to gratify private malice or to secure private advantage, that their course is a perilous one.

How this result is to be obtained is a matter for the careful consideration of our lawmakers. The bill of Mr. STEVENS, judging from the abstract which the telegraph conveys, does not seek for any such result. On the other hand, it proposes a complete indemnity not only to the President, Secretaries and Heads of Departments, but also to "all concerned in advising such acts." Under such a statute, every man who has from pure malice instigated the arrest of any man, however innocent—every man who may have procured the arrest of another, not because he was aiding the rebellion, but because he wanted him out of the way, would go scot free. We think that it might be well to provide for each case, by excluding from the benefit of the act all persons who can be proved to have instigated arrests maliciously, and without probable cause. If persons have been governed by such motives in procuring arrests, and can be shown to have had no cause for what they did why should they not be allowed to suffer the penalty of their malice?

We hope the Senate will consider this matter carefully. If in any way they can succeed in protecting patriotism, without screening malice and knavery, their labors will be welcomed by patriotic men everywhere. There need be no undue haste in the passage of the bill.

These are the rules for the New-York Post-office only. No offices will be permitted to redeem stamps but those that shall be specially designated by the Postmaster-General. Each office will have its own rules, but not materially different from these.

We deem them entirely satisfactory, except in one respect. A very large amount of postage-stamps was purchased to be used as currency, of denominations rarely used by the mass of people in the payment of postage, such as 5, 10, 12 and 24-cent stamps. These purchases were made in good faith, and on what many regarded and still regard as a right interpretation of the law of Congress—that they might be and were intended to be used as currency. The bulk of the stamps of these denominations are not available in payment of postage, and yet, if clean, the Department will not redeem them. This will occasion hardship to holders of such stamps, who will part with them at a discount to those whose correspondence calls for such unusual denominations. The redemption of stamps by the Government will lose much of its grace and acceptability if it does not cover the case of stamps of this description, whether they be seriously soiled and defaced or not.

SOLDIERS' PAY—I PROMPTITUDE VS. MAGNITUDE.—We would very much whether either the soldiers, or anybody else, will be very grateful to those gentlemen in Congress who are introducing bills and making speeches ostensibly with the aim of increasing the soldiers' pay. There has been no complaint that we have heard of, from any section of the army, that the present pay is insufficient; but there have been very great complaints that the men could not possibly obtain promptly and regularly the sums which really are their due. It is not long ago that the amount due the troops was stated in a Washington dispatch at \$60,000,000; and

though it has been greatly lessened since that time, it is yet too large. There are still many regiments which have not seen a greenback or a postal of any denomination, for months. We know of one New-York City Regiment, now under BURNSIDE, which has been in nearly every battle of the war—whose two filled ranks have been thrice reduced by battle to a few hundred men, and whose indomitable valor has honored the cause for which they fought; and yet these men, this shattered remnant of a regiment which, on a fine Sunday afternoon, eighteen months ago, marched down Broadway amid the plaudits of tens of thousands of citizens, has not received a cent of pay for five months; and we know that the families of many of them in this City are actually reduced to the greatest straits in this cold weather on account of this culpable dilatoriness of the Government. What these men, and what all our soldiers want, is not that their nominal pay be increased a dollar or two a month, but that they may be enabled to obtain promptly every month the sum that was promised them on enlistment.

Mr. HOLMAN, of Indiana, who has introduced into Congress the bill providing for a nominal increase of soldiers' pay, is the same gentleman who distinguished himself last winter by introducing a bill—just before the passage of the Homestead law—giving to each soldier a gift of one hundred and sixty acres of land. His present bill, whether it assume the form of a law or not, will probably inure to the real and special benefit of the soldier as much as that one did. If, however, he will introduce a bill, or invent a scheme, by means of which every regiment in the service may be paid promptly and regularly on some fixed day of each month, he will do a much greater benefit to the soldiers, to their families, and to the heavily taxed community at large.

IMMUNITY FOR ARRESTS.—The bill which had been introduced into Congress by Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, to indemnify the President and others for semi-military arrests and the suspension of the *habeas corpus*, was very suddenly passed yesterday afternoon, in the House, by a vote of two to one. It now remains to be acted upon by the Senate. Some such bill should certainly be adopted, and we have no doubt that the people will justify its passage. They are well convinced of the substantial honesty of purpose and patriotism of the President, and of most of his subordinates, and of the substantial necessity of the great body of these arrests. But it cannot be denied that there have been instances in which that honesty has been imposed upon, where designing, dishonest men have taken advantage of public necessity, and of the crowded state of public business, and have wrought great injustice to individuals and the public.

Now, while it seems clear that, for all acts which have been done from pure motives and with a single regard to the public weal, there should be complete indemnity, and that, if any who have been sufferers therefrom are to be recompensed, it should be the work of the nation, assuming so far the acts of its honest servants and doing what it can to retrieve their errors; yet it is by no means clear that the indemnity should extend beyond that. On the contrary, it appears highly desirable to adopt such measures as shall not only protect all who have been just and patriotic in what they have done, but shall, at the same time, teach those who in such junctures avail themselves of the disturbed state of civil affairs to gratify private malice or to secure private advantage, that their course is a perilous one.

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AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—MYRTLEBERRY'S opera of "Dioniah" was given here last evening to a house that might have been better in point of numbers, and warmer in point of comfort. The performance was an average one, the stage direction was anything but good.

In the first act, an essay of the Virgin perished in toppling over; in the second, the bridge, instead of breaking with the weight of *Dioniah*, caved in on its own private account, and compelled the heroine to commit a deliberate act of *felo de se*. These things are ineffectual in a well regulated establishment.

Tonight the opera will be "Norma," with Mile. LORRA as the priestess. It is an extra performance, and the price of admission has been fixed at the ordinary theatre standard.

NILES'S GARDEN.—Miss MATILDA HIBSON, supported by the excellent company at this house, will appear in a new play to-night. It is called "Edith," and is spoken of with praise by those who are in the secret of the doings.

IRVING HALL.—Miss TERESA CARRARO, the child pianist, gives her last concert here to-night.

NILES'S SALOON.—MR. PAUL JEWETT'S French company will make their second appearance to-night in a couple of pieces.

BROOKLYN.—The Sixth Rehearsal of the Brooklyn Philharmonic Concert will be held on Monday afternoon, at the Academy of Music. The orchestral selections are BARTHOLOMEW'S Symphony No. 1, in C major, MARCAZZO'S Overture, SYMPHONY, and MARCAZZO'S Overture, Ruy Blas.

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GOOD NEWS FROM ARKANSAS.

Another Battle and Another Victory.

Gen. Herron Attacked by the Enemy 24,000 Strong.

Desperate Fighting from 10 O'clock A. M. Until Dark.

General Herron Reinforced from General Blunt's Force.

The Enemy Routed with Heavy Losses.

Another Flight to the Boston Mountains.

BATTLEFIELD, NEAR FAYETTEVILLE, ARK., Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Gen. HERRON'S forces, en route to reinforce Gen. BLUNT, met the enemy yesterday on Crawford's Prairie, ten miles south of Fayetteville, Ark., and won a decisive victory.

The enemy were 24,000 strong, divided into four divisions, under Gens. PARSONS, MARMADUK, FROST and RADDS, all under Gen. HINDMAN, and embraced the flower of the Trans-Mississippi army, well supplied with eighteen pieces of artillery. The enemy attacked Gen. BLUNT's position at Cane Hill, and made a sudden attack on Gen. HERRON, to prevent him uniting with Gen. BLUNT.

Gen. HERRON'S force consisted of the Ninety-fourth and Thirty-first Illinois, Nineteenth and Twentieth Iowa, Twenty-sixth Indiana, Twentieth Wisconsin, a battalion of two of cavalry, in all 6,500 or 7,000 men, and 24 pieces of artillery.

The battle raged from 10 A. M. until dark, and was desperately fought throughout. Our artillery drove the rebels from two strong positions, and kept their overwhelming numbers at bay. The Twentieth Wisconsin captured a rebel battery of four heavy guns, but were forced to abandon them under a murderous fire. The Nineteenth Iowa also took the same battery and fought most desperately, but were also obliged to yield it. Almost every regiment distinguished itself.

About 10 o'clock, Gen. BLUNT arrived from Cane Hill with 6,000 men and a strong force of artillery, and attacked the rebels in the rear. The rebels made desperate efforts to capture his batteries, but were repulsed with terrible slaughter. We held the whole field at dark, and before 9 o'clock that night the entire rebel force were in full retreat over Boston Mountain.

Our loss in killed and wounded was six hundred. The rebel loss was fifteen hundred, by their own admission. Several of the rebel field officers were killed, among them Col. SMITH, commanding a brigade, formerly a Brigadier in the Missouri State Guard. Only a few prisoners were taken. We captured four caissons filled with ammunition.

Lieut. Col. McFARLAN, of the Nineteenth Iowa Regiment, was the only field officer on our side, killed. Major HUBBARD, of the First Missouri Cavalry, was taken prisoner.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE FRONTIER.

How the Army is Divided and Officered—Its Location—Delays in the First Division Under Gen. Blunt, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Tuesday, Dec. 2.

While the Eastern Army is preparing for the great struggle which will, perhaps, at last decide the destiny of our country, it is probable that the friends and relatives of Eastern soldiers have quite forgotten the Army of the Frontier. When we read the utter misstatements of our situation and movements which sometimes appear in the papers of New-York and Philadelphia, we cannot but feel that we are comparatively uncared for. It would be pleasant to know that we are remembered; that the brave men who are working out their energies, and their lives in guarding the outposts of Freedom, are sometimes the object of good wishes and fervent prayers. But however obscure and inglorious the work of chastising guerrillas may be, we feel that we are serving our country, and if we may but play some part in the great drama upon which the eyes of the whole world are fixed, we are content that that part should be a humble one. Glory may be the motive which impels professional soldiers to noble deeds. We are actuated by a nobler impulse, the love of our native land.

Since the temporary illness and permanent departure of Gen. SEYMOUR, the Army of the Frontier has been entirely reorganized. It would be improper to state the number of our forces, but I cannot see any propriety in mentioning that at present our army consists of three divisions. The First Division is commanded by Gen. BLUNT, who is the senior officer in the Southwest. He is a bold, dashing soldier, rough in his exterior, unpretending in his manners, but full of courage and fire. The Second Division is under the command of Gen. HERRON, one of the youngest officers, if not the youngest, in the United States service. He is a man of less experience than Gen. BLUNT or TORREY, but in his native ability, and especially in his moral integrity, every one has full confidence. The Third Division is now without a separate commander. Gen. TORREY, the distinguished artilleryman, whose battery was so effectively worked at the battle of Wilson's Creek, was formerly assigned to the command of this Division; but in consequence of some personal difficulty between himself and Gen. HERRON, he has gone to St. Louis, upon the present the interim it is necessary to assign a new officer to the command of this Division. Upon leaving his gun he issued a farewell address to them, and the general impression is, that he will never return to Southwest Missouri.

In Gen. HERRON'S Division there are three brigades,

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Depredations of the Rebel Cavalry Under White.

A Number of Sentries Reported Captured.

THE WEATHER MODERATED.

HEADQUARTERS, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The weather is milder and the snow has melted considerably.

An officer who came through from Alexandria by land, with a strong escort, was told at Dumfries, that sixteen sentries, with their wagons, were captured by White's rebel cavalry last week, and the owners made to drive their own teams to some rebel station in the interior. White was represented as having a large regiment of cavalry. It has, for several days, been considered unsafe to pass beyond Dumfries without a strong escort.

A special Court-martial met to-day, to try John W. LIVING, on the charge of being a spy, he having been captured within our lines. The accused was a private in the Ninth Virginia Cavalry, and was captured near his father's home, in the vicinity of Harwood Court-House. It is understood that the Court have agreed upon a finding, the result of which is not known.

The following General Order has just been published:

No person will be allowed to cross the lines in the direction of the enemy without a pass from these headquarters.

(Signed) LEWIS RICHMOND, A. A. G.

GEN. HOOKER'S GRAND DIVISION.

The Situation—Review of Gen. Sickles' Division—The Advant of Bad Weather—Experiences of Camp Life—The Paymaster Wanted—Clothing Issued, &c.

CENTRAL GRAND DIVISION, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Thursday, Dec. 4, 1862.

Nothing of importance transpired in the army since the date of my last letter. The enemy's pickets continue to pace the opposite bank of the Rappahannock, and our own hold undisputed possession of the eastern bank. The guns of the contending parties, planted on either side of the stream, with muzzles directed toward each other, are ready at a moment's notice to open either an aggressive or retaliatory fire. For how long a period affairs will thus continue it is difficult to determine. The indications of a change of position which were so apparent yesterday are not so prominent to-day, but notwithstanding that fact, the succeeding twenty-four hours may bring about important results.

A grand review of Sickles' Division—formerly Hooker's—look place to-day. The troops retain the same spirit and vim that characterized them under the immediate control of their late commander. They were reviewed by Gen. HOOKER in person. It will be remembered that this is the same division that so bravely followed the gallant Hooker through the Peninsula campaign, and subsequently the campaign in front of Washington. Twenty Generals, besides numerous officers of less rank, were upon the field to-day as spectators. At 12 o'clock Gen. HOOKER, accompanied by his staff, rode upon the ground. It was a great effort for the men to restrain themselves from shouting as their old leader passed them with the wildest demonstrations of delight. Not content with cheering, the men tossed their hats, threw up their hands, and almost rushed forward from the ranks to approach nearer the person of the General. All who witnessed the review concur in the opinion that it was one of the most attractive and exciting that has yet taken place of the army. It is needless to add that Gen. Hooker has completely won the esteem and affection of his command, not a man of whom is unwilling to follow him in any battle, no matter how fiercely and desperately waged.

CENTRAL GRAND DIVISION, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Friday, Dec. 5, 1862.

A slow, drizzling, ominous rain commenced falling this morning, and if we credit the sayings of the citizens of this locality, days, perhaps weeks, will have elapsed ere we are again cheered with the genial rays of a bright and glowing sun. The prediction which has been so often repeated within my hearing since the arrival of the army at its present position, that the unfavorable season for military operations was rapidly approaching, has at last been verified. Hark, remains, or, perhaps more truly, lies the remains, on the eastern bank of the Rappahannock, of a portion of that proud army which, little more than a year ago, moved with unrivaled buoyancy and splendor from the very base of our Capital, to meet, engage and destroy the horde of dastard traitors who so defiantly threatened, and who now threaten, the permanence of our Government and the execution of its laws. Cold, rain, snow, swollen streams, impassable roads, and all the obstacles that can be produced by opposing elements are, or soon will be, before us. Men lying upon the frosty ground with but a single blanket for covering, subsisting upon scanty rations, weak, exhausted, sick from want and exposure, are clamorously urged by an impatient populace to advance upon the defenses and occupy the City of Richmond. Two months ago a forward movement was easy and practicable; but now, no matter how reluctantly we acknowledge the fact, to perform the same task, and expect to meet the success which at that time might have been reasonably looked for, would be indulging in theories which partake more of fancy than substance. It is by no means a difficult matter for the inexperienced, while grouped around a blazing hearth, having at their command the comforts and delicacies which home and means alone can furnish, to cavil at the necessities of the progress of the war. It is also a simple process to trace lines of march upon the smooth surface of paper, and if the angles and semi-circles are geometrically described, they will doubtless please and amuse the spectator. No one will assert that the law prohibits a person from exercising visionary theories, musing them with powerful guns, pouring imaginary volleys of canister and grape into the enemy's ranks, and valiantly marching—aye, leaping over seeming parapets of human slain and wounded, not halting until the infamous centre of rebellion shall be reached and demolished. But reverse the picture and consider calmly and candidly the state of affairs as they truly exist. Instead of a substantial roof for shelter, a little contemptible strip of canvas is the soldier's apology for a kennel. With new

then an exception, the nearest approach to luxury is a meal of salt pork and adamantine biscuit forced down the palate by the aid of rancid coffee without a particle of milk. He, however, has had experience of camp life and can exercise judgment to some extent as to what might and might not be feebly accomplished. He will tell you that in all probability the present campaign must cease after the expiration of a few days; Winter, in the State of Virginia, is not the season to execute plans of battles. Viewing the reckless decision of the men at home, and the common sense opinion of the soldier in the field, it is natural to suppose that the latter will find more supporters than the former. The labor employed in drawing up a plan of an actual battle or campaign cannot, of course, be appreciated by the self-conceited individual who obstinately refuses to admit that his own ideas, conceived at a safe distance from the scene of action, are inferior to those of the Generals upon whom the entire responsibility of their acts depend. As a general thing it will follow that success will be more often attained by the methods proposed, by those who are to adopt them, as of those who simply wish a certain object to be effected without seriously reflecting upon the required means. As the community will doubtless bestow due merit upon the party who speedily crushed the rebellion and restores peace, an excellent opportunity is afforded men of sanguinary temperaments, who flatter themselves with the belief that they are possessed of the identical avenging boots which so admirably served the purpose of Jack the giant-killer, in entering the service and at once using their magical gifts to great advantage.

It is a mistake to suppose that the army, with its long trains of supply-wagons and artillery, can, under existing circumstances, move with that celerity and precision which it might have done if the inclement season had not already commenced. The people must patiently and perseveringly await the order of events, cherishing the hope that success will ultimately perch upon the banners of the brave and loyal Union army.

The most acceptable personage that could appear among the troops would be the Paymaster. To him would be extended a hearty welcome. He has but to show himself and his treasure to create a thrill of joy that would impress him with its earnestness so long as he held in remembrance the incentive weight of justice. Why is it that regiment after regiment should be compelled to wait a term of five and six months before they receive the smallittance allotted them? The immediate wants of the men, and the deplorable condition of the families of many of them at home, ought certainly to influence the proper authorities in their behalf.

The strange statement, which has recently been the rounds of the Press, concerning Col. T. B. W. SROOKER, Acting Brigadier-General of the Third Brigade, O'Connell's Division, to the effect that he had been dismissed in disgrace from the service on account of alleged misconduct while in the performance of his duty, is without the least shadow of a foundation. The details from beginning to end are a mass of baseless fabrications invented by some malicious or jealous person who probably sought his own elevation by robbing the Colonel of his justly-earned reputation. Col. SROOKER entered the service at the head of the Sixteenth Michigan Regiment, and has proven upon more than one occasion his excellent and efficiency as an officer and a soldier. Since assuming command of the Third Brigade he has evidenced high additional qualities.

To-morrow has been set apart for the review, by Gen. HOOKER, of the Fifth Army Corps, commanded by Gen. DANIEL BUTTERFIELD. At the present writing the weather presents an unpropitious appearance for a clear day, but we are in hopes the storm will abate sufficiently by to-morrow to enable the ceremony to be carried out.

CENTRAL GRAND DIVISION, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Saturday, Dec. 6, 1862.

Whether or not we have fully prepared ourselves that the army is about to settle down into winter quarters, the enemy has interpreted the existing inaction to mean a three months' success of hostilities, and with characteristic impudence has painted upon pieces of board the words, "Winter quarters," and exposed them upon his bank of the river so they may be conspicuous to our pickets. The rebel pickets take great pleasure in directing the attention of our men to the significant letters, and they may sometimes be seen pointing with one hand to the board, while with the other they perform a tantalizing winking or gyrating. In retaliation a soldier pointed in the direction of Maryland, then rapidly twirled his head over the other, thus signifying the hasty departure of the rebels from that coveted soil.

The review of the Fifth Army Corps, which it was expected would take place to-day, has been postponed in consequence of the inclement state of the weather. With commendable zeal the Third Brigade of Garvin's Division formed in line for the purpose of marching to the field, when the order countermanding the review was received.

For the past day or two the regional Quarter-masters have been engaged in leaning overcoats and blankets to the troops. Several thousand horses and mules have recently been distributed among the various divisions to supply the deficiency occasioned by hard marches and the bad weather. Since the commencement of winter the animals have suffered severely from the wet and cold. A large majority of them are without any shelter, not even having the covering of a blanket. Much difficulty has been experienced in late in getting a sufficient quantity of hay on account of the limited means of transportation by rail, and the excessively bad condition of the wagon-roads.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

NEWBURN, N. C., Dec. 9.

VIA FORT MONROE, Monday, Dec. 8.

Great dissatisfaction exists in the interior, and the impression prevails there that a signal victory, under Gen. BRAXTON, will be followed by the immediate and entire abandonment of the Border States, including North Carolina and Tennessee. The progress of the 29th ult., has the following: "The Savannah Republican makes a pleasant complaint over the rebel losses in the recent battle. I say the total loss amounts to 10,000 men. It says the people of Charleston have pulled up their lead pipes and contributed 60,000 pounds to the Government, and that the rebel Government will be obliged to replace them at the end of the war."

Fires at Buffalo.

Buffalo, Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Goon's oil refinery was destroyed by fire last night. The fire was caused by the explosion of a still. Two men were injured. The buildings in the vicinity were damaged by the shock. Loss about \$4,000. No insurance.

S. P. Wain's tobacco factory was also destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$20,000. Insurance, \$12,000.

The Propeller Charles Osgood Disabled.

PHILADELPHIA, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The propeller Charles Osgood, with Companies E and K, Forty-second Massachusetts, put in for new sails, having lost two during the gales since leaving New-York. All well on board.

Municipal Election.

MASSACHUSETTS, N. H., Tuesday, Dec. 9.

THORNDIKE T. ANDRUS, Republican, was elected Mayor of this city to-day.

IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

Rapid Movements of the National Forces Under Gen. Grant.

A Skirmish Near Oxford on Thursday Morning.

An Engagement Near Coffeeville, Forty Miles Below, on Friday Night.

Our Loss 5 Killed, 50 Wounded, and 60 Missing—The Rebel Loss 300.

CAIRO, Ill., Monday, Dec. 8.

Oxford, Mississippi, news to Thursday last, states that the rear-guard of the rebels under the command of Gen. JACKSON, had a skirmish on that morning with the National advance force near the town.

The main body of the rebel army, forty thousand strong, passed through Oxford twelve hours before.

The number of the rebel slain and wounded is said to be very large.

CAIRO, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

A special dispatch, dated the 7th inst., from Oxford, Miss., says that Col. DICKEY'S Cavalry had a two-hour's engagement with the rebels, near Coffeeville, on Friday night.

The rebels are said to have had 5,000 infantry, cavalry and artillery.

The National loss was five killed, fifty wounded and sixty missing.

The rebel loss was 300 killed and wounded.

THE DISGRACE AT HARTSVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Monday, Dec. 8.

12 O'clock, Midnight.

A telegram just received from Nashville confirms the capture of the One Hundred and Fourth Illinois Regiment, the One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Eighth Ohio Regiments, Nickles' Battery, and a detachment of the Second Indiana Cavalry, all under the command of Col. MOORE, on Sunday morning, after an hour's fight, at Hartsville, Tenn., by the guerrillas under JOHN MOORE.

The number of Moore's force is not stated. There are no further particulars.

LATEST REPORTS FROM LOUISVILLE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Three thousand rebel cavalry, supposed to be under FOSTER, intending to make another raid into Kentucky, or a dash on Fort Donelson, were at Clarksville to-day.

Passengers from Gallatin contradict the story of the engagement there, between Fay and the rebels. They say no recent fight has occurred there.

THE SITUATION IN MISSISSIPPI.

From the Cincinnati Gazette, Dec. 8.

We have full confirmation this morning of the evacuation of Grenada, Miss., by the rebels. A private dispatch from one of our correspondents states that Gen. GRANT'S army had concentrated at that place. The expedition from Helena commanded by Gens. LLOYD and C. C. WASSON, had succeeded in cutting the Mississippi Central Railroad south of Grenada, and subsequently advanced upon and took possession of the rolling stock, destroyed the cars and locomotives. There are no positive advices as to the position of the rebels, but we are left to infer that they retreated to Columbus, Miss., southeast from Grenada, on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad. From this point they still have a long march to make to protect their communications with Vicksburg; or they can get around to East Tennessee and join BRAD. It has been intimated heretofore that the rebels are in motion, and that they are unable to operate separately, with the prospect of success, would abandon either the Mississippi line or East Tennessee, and unite against ROSS and GRANT. Their failure to offer resistance to GRANT so far would indicate that there has been no junction in Mississippi, as it would also indicate that GRANT'S army had concentrated at that place. It is impossible to tell, from the course that has been adopted by the enemy, what the rebel plan is. If GRANT has gone to Columbus, GRANT must remain there until he can get around to Vicksburg, or he can get around to East Tennessee and join BRAD. It has been intimated heretofore that the rebels are in motion, and that they are unable to operate separately, with the prospect of success, would abandon either the Mississippi line or East Tennessee, and unite against ROSS and GRANT. 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ACADEMY OF MUSIC—The Ballet in *Maschera*.
LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—*Blondine*; OR, THE NAUGHTY PRINCE AND THE FAIRY PRINCESS.
WALLACK'S—The *Jalisco* Wagon.
NIBLO'S GARDEN—*Maschera*.
BARNUM'S MUSEUM—The Drama, *COLLEEN BAWN*, this afternoon and evening. *DAISY* and *PERFORMING BEARS*, Grand Girl, &c., at all hours.
GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—The *Peacock* (Der Wildschütz).

ARTISTS' FUND SOCIETY EXHIBITION—No. 433 Broadway.
COOPER'S GALLERY—*Cousin's Niagara*.
AULD LANG SYNE—Grand of STAGGART, corner 4th and Broadway.
FRENCH THEATRE—(Niblo's Concert Saloon)—*U's*—*Geistliche* PAULS.
UNION GARDEN—Born to Good Luck.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Another heavy battle has been fought in Arkansas, and another great victory has crowned the National arms. Gen. HERRON's forces, already mentioned as on the way to reinforce Gen. BLUNT at Cane Hill, encountered the enemy on Sunday on Crawford's Prairie, ten miles south of Fayetteville, and after a desperate battle, lasting from 10 o'clock in the morning until dark, defeated them with heavy loss. The rebels were 24,000 strong, in four divisions, commanded respectively by Gens. PARSONS, MARMADUKE, FOSTER and RAINS, the whole under command of HENDERSON. The position of Gen. BLUNT at Cane Hill was flanked by them, their intention being to prevent the joining of our two forces. The scale of battle late in the day was turned by a reinforcement of five thousand men from Gen. BLUNT's command, which fell upon the rebel rear. At 9 o'clock on Sunday night the rebels were in full flight again for the Boston Mountains, with a loss by their own admission, of 1,500 killed and wounded. Our loss is estimated at 600.

There is nothing of importance from the Army of the Potomac this morning. The weather has considerably moderated.

The Washington *Intelligencer* publishes the following paragraph in its issue of Monday: "We have private letters from Gen. FOSTER's army at Newbern, as late as Thursday last, referring to recent military operations, and also to important movements on the eve of execution, not proper to publish. The forces were in good spirits, and confident of success."

The news from the Southwest is interesting and important. The advance of the National forces under Gen. GRANT, approaching Oxford, on the Mississippi Central Railroad, on Thursday last, had a skirmish with the rear guard of the rebels, near that place. It was ascertained that the main body of the rebel army, forty thousand strong, had passed through Oxford twelve hours before. A later dispatch from Oxford, on Sunday, states that a body of our cavalry had a two hours' engagement, near Coffeeville, on Friday night, in which our loss was fifty-five killed and wounded, and sixty missing, while that of the rebels was three hundred killed and wounded. The rebel force engaged was estimated at five thousand. A glance at the map will show that Coffeeville is nearly forty miles below Oxford, and that, consequently, the advance of Gen. GRANT's cavalry must have been remarkably rapid. Coffeeville is only seventeen miles above Grenada, which point is said to have been occupied by the expedition under Gen. HORTON, several days ago.

By the arrival at this port of the steamship *Creole*, we have advices from New-Orleans to the 29th ult. The news is not important, no military movements having taken place since the date of our last previous advices. The canvass for the Congressional election was proceeding with much spirit, and numerous candidates were offering.

The Burlington, Vt. *Times* is informed that there are now collected at Rouse's Point about 14,000 muskets, 250 swords, 500 large revolvers, 5,000,000 of caps, and eleven tons of powder, which were shipped from this City. A portion of these arms were once stopped by Provost-Marshal DRAKE, while in transit, but very singularly were permitted to go forward. They are now held at the Point by Marshal DUNN, by the order of the Secretary of War. The weight of these articles is over one hundred tons, and their estimated value is \$200,000. The weapons will arm seven regiments. A Mr. HEYDECKE came forward as the agent buying the commodities in charge, but on examination, has been discharged as guilty. The owners or shippers have been discovered, but their names are not made public.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a communication was received from the Secretary of War, in answer to a resolution passed last week, stating that he had no information regarding the sale of free men into slavery by the rebels. Protests against the action of the Advisory Board of the Navy were presented. A bill was reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations for the relief of the owners of the French vessel *Jules et Marie*. A bill to increase the bonds of the Superintendent of Printing was reported. Mr. HALE introduced his bill

to abolish the grade of medical officers. It was referred to the Military Committee. The resolution offered by Mr. BAILEY, of Delaware, relative to arbitrary arrests of citizens of Delaware, was taken up, and occupied attention until the adjournment—the debate ranging over the whole subject of arrests and the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus*. The subject was not disposed of.

In the House, the Senate bill for the admission of Western Virginia into the Union as a separate State, was taken up, and debated during the entire session, excepting a short time allotted to the passage of the bill authorizing collectors and assessors, and their assistants, under the Tax law, to administer oaths, &c.

GENERAL NEWS.

By the arrival of the steamship *Arabia* at Halifax we have advices from Europe one week later. She left Liverpool on the 29th and Queenstown on the 30th ult. The political news by this arrival is almost wholly devoid of interest. The British press continues its discussion of American affairs, but brings out no new news of importance. An excitement in Greece in favor of placing Prince ALFRED, of England, on the Throne of that country, continued unabated. The great prize-fight for the championship of England, between JIM MAO and TOM KINO, took place on the 26th ult., and resulted in a victory for KINO, who knocking him out of time in the twenty-first round. It was reported that HENMAN had agreed to fight KINO for the championship, each man to put up \$500. Cotton in the Liverpool market was quiet, after an advance during the week, which has been partially lost. Breadstuffs were quiet and steady, and provisions inactive. Consols 93½/64.

The steamship *Creole*, which arrived last evening, from New-Orleans, touched at Havana on the 4th inst., and brought late intelligence from Mexico. The French occupied Tampico on the 22d ult., without opposition, the Government soldiers and officials retreating into the country. The French had been previously dismantled, and the cannon sent up the river. The French sent a gunboat in pursuit, which, at last accounts, had not been heard from. The foreign Consuls obtained the promise of the French Admiral that order should be preserved in the city. Gen. FOSTER still continued at Orizaba, and his predecessor, LOPEZ, had left for France. FOSTER is said to have been in motion a part of his forces, toward Puebla, but he is delayed in his movements for the want of transportation. Meantime the work on the fortification of Puebla continues, and the French, when they do advance there, will no doubt have a warm reception.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A resolution by Mr. JEREMIAH was adopted, requesting the Mayor to report to the Board such information as he may have concerning the defenses of the harbor, with the amendment by Mr. FROST, "if not inconsistent with the public interest." A remonstrance against purchasing the Fort Gansevoort property, from CORNELIUS V. S. ROOSEVELT, was presented by Mr. FROST, and referred. At 2 o'clock, a recess was taken till 5 o'clock. On resuming the session, the Resolution of the Board, passed by the Councilmen some time ago, was called up by Mr. BOOR. Mr. FARLEY amended it by limiting the investment in the City stocks of the money received for the notes to one-half of the amount of the stocks, so as always to have a balance on hand sufficient for redemptions. The ordinance was then adopted and ordered to be sent to the Councilmen for concurrence. It provides that the change notes shall be issued at the option of the Comptroller, but not to a greater extent than \$3,000,000. On motion of Mr. BEADY, the Board adjourned till 11 o'clock this afternoon.

The Aldermen as City Canvassers, held their fifth meeting yesterday. The returns from the districts of Messrs. HENRY and BOOR, were canvassed complete. The returns from Mr. ALLEN's district were in hand and being canvassed, when the Board adjourned till 10 o'clock this morning.

The Board of Supervisors met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and adjourned till 8 o'clock, P. M. The day next, of respect to Mr. BURT, after passing resolutions of condolence with him on the loss of his wife, who died on Sunday.

A cargo of upland cotton, part of it damaged, taken on the prize schooner *Emma*, was sold in Philadelphia on Monday for fifty cents per pound. A number of brass filled pipes, on carriages, which have been lying in the Philadelphia Navy-yard for the past few days, have been forwarded to their destination. They were marked "Res. Admiral Porter, U. S. N., Cairo, Illinois."

A very important order has just been issued by Adjutant-Gen. THOMAS, at Harrisburgh, which has for its real object to ascertain who are and who are not absent from their regiments in the field without leave. This order requires that no passes shall be granted to any officers or soldiers now in camp at Harrisburgh, except to those whose business is urgent and necessarily requires their absence. All officers and soldiers without passes are to be arrested by the Provost-Marshal. All clothing, equipments, &c., belonging to the United States, and in the possession of civilians, are to be accounted for, under penalty of arrest and confinement.

The Post-office at Mendham, N. J., was broken open on Thursday night last, and stamps to the value of about \$100 were abstracted.

The Charleston (Mass.) *Register* states that a letter received in that city last week, from the gunboat *Dana*, dated Vernon River, Ga., says that of two lots of shells received by them from the gunboat *Massachusetts*, not one of them would explode, some person having put a wet patch between the powder. These shells were all shipped from the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Navy-yard.

The Boston *Journal* learns from an authentic source that on the 10th of November flour was \$35 per barrel at Charleston; corn, \$2 50 per bushel; potatoes, \$4 per bushel; coffee, \$2 75 per pound; butter, \$1 20 per pound; yellow soap, \$1 55 to \$1 75 per pound; Philadelphia, \$2 50 to \$2 75 per pound; salt, \$4 per bushel; poor oak wood, \$22 per cord; gent's pantaloons, \$30. The salt was sold at auction, wholesale price.

The movement of Mr. STEVENS on Loan and Currency matters at Washington, was the theme of discussion in Washington yesterday. The provisions of the bill to increase the New Loan, and also the issue of United States Notes of Circulation were construed in favor of a rise in Stocks, and the same feeling stiffened the price of gold. Exchange left off same as on Monday.

Breadstuffs were briske and dearer yesterday. More activity was discernible in Provisions. Hops, Potatoes and Lamb were active. Potatoes were again advanced and closed buoyant. Limited transactions were reported in Cotton, Groceries, Iron, Lead, Tin, Zinc, Spelter, Tobacco, Fruit, Hemp, Coal, Candles, Whisky, Whalenoil, Chemicals and Naval Stores. Hay, Hides, Hops, Leather, Seeds, Tallow and Ingot Copper were moderately active. Somewhat heavier freight engagements transpired.

The Live Stock markets show an upward tendency this week, all kinds of animals having advanced in price. The supply of most kinds is large, but cool weather sharpens the appetite, and creates a demand which has used up everything on sale. Beeves number 3,965 for the week, 4,329 of which were on sale at Forty-fourth-street on Monday and Tuesday. They went off rapidly at first, under the impression that the supply was not sufficient; but as drover after drover continued to come in up to 12 o'clock, P. M., of Tuesday, the trade slackened, and prices fell off somewhat, but all were sold at an average of 7½¢ to 8¢, or near 4¢, higher than last week. There were some very fine cattle in the yards, the best of which brought 9¢ to 10¢, some to be weighed at the latter price. Sheep and lambs are scarce, and worth 55¢ to 60¢ head more than last week. A fat lot of long woolled sheep will bring 55¢ to 60¢, live eight. Live hogs are selling quickly at an advance of 4¢ to 5¢. The receipts for the week have been 49,880, but with a brisk demand heightened by cold weather. The yards are kept comparatively clear. Prime fat corn fed hogs of large size are worth 4½¢ to 5¢, corn fed.

GEN. BLUNT AGAIN VICTORIOUS.—We

are more than compensated this morning, in a National point of view, for the defeat which our arms suffered at Hartsville, Tenn., by the news of the great and decisive victory just achieved by Gen. BLUNT in Northwestern Arkansas. The battle was fought last Sun-

day, between some six or eight thousand Union soldiers, and a vastly greater force of rebels—including all their troops west of the Mississippi, and their Indian allies; and it raged from morning till night, when the enemy were driven over those desolate Boston hills which three before have been pressed by their skeddaddling footsteps. It is admitted that our force was decimated, and we may well believe, from the character of the troops engaged on our side, and from our advantage in artillery, that the rebel army was even more than decimated.

Gen. BLUNT, though but a "civilian General," is proving himself a magnificent commander. In four hard-fought fields, victory has each time perched upon his eagles. Let him now, with his brave little force, push across Arkansas into Texas, and see if he cannot somewhere in that State discover Major-Gen. BANKS, whose whereabouts have been for some time unknown.

The Efficiency of the Blockade.

Five hundred and forty-three vessels seized by the blockading squadrons, worth, with their cargoes, forty millions of dollars! Verily this is a splendid record, and yet it but faintly tells the story of the actual amount of service rendered to the good cause by this ceaseless, noiseless agency.

In casting the fortunes of the war, we are too apt to look exclusively to the battle-field. We measure progress, or the contrary, by bulletins. We must have sounding events, or nothing, we fancy, is doing. This is a mistake. The silent agencies of this war are quite as serviceable in bringing it to a favorable end as gunpowder. We believe, in fact, they are worth more. Of the two we could better afford to give up campaigning than to give up the blockade. The former is at best but of uncertain progress; what it gained today may be lost to-morrow, and it is possible that all may end in disaster. The latter knows no vicissitudes, and, if long enough maintained, can possibly have but one result—and that favorable to the belligerent that employs it. What ends a war, where both adversaries are alike courageous, is the exhaustion of one of them. It is of little consequence how that exhaustion is produced—whether by blows or by stifling—so that it be brought about. Three years of strict blockade, without aggressive fighting, we believe, would reduce the South to greater weakness than three years of such fighting, without a blockade. But we have it in our power to use both means; and through both we expect to subdue this rebellion in less time than three years. In estimating the progress of the war, we should, then, avoid the common error of paying regard only to deeds of arms.

Our fighting has not as yet evoked any such cry of distress as the blockade constantly occasions. The stern, relentless exclusion from all the markets of the world, come home with sharp effect to every man, woman and child in the Confederacy. It has not only thus wrought great personal distress, but has dragged the rebel Government itself into hopeless bankruptcy, by destroying the value of the Southern staples, upon which it was calculated that public credit could be secured abroad. The cotton-planters have not been able to sell their cotton, because it could not leave the country, and without such sale, they have had only the scantiest means of supporting themselves and their slaves. Those of them who were induced to pledge their cotton to the Government, as a basis for its credit, got nothing in return—the Government expressly refusing to give its notes or bonds for what was of no present value to it. The cotton pledged, it was found, did not add a dime's worth to the Government's credit across the water; and, of course, the Government could not afford to give any of its own credit, poor enough at best, in return. The cotton has proved alike worthless to the planter and to the Government. It was thought to be gold; under the blockade it has turned out to be rubbish.

Of all the countless delusions of the rebels, the most stupendous and the most fatal one was the taking it for granted that the blockade would not be long permitted by Europe—that the necessities of the Old World for the raw material from which millions find work, would perforce override our national rights. It is now settled that our national rights will not be interfered with. Providence has secured this by interposing a greater necessity for the wheat of the North than could possibly exist for the cotton of the South. It is doubtful whether the European Powers, in any event, would have violated our blockade; but, as matters now stand, it is impossible. Peace with the North is the supreme consideration. The blockade will continue unmolested until we choose to end it—in other words, until rebellion yields. And its silent, ceaseless pressure must tell with constantly increasing effect upon the South—paralyzing trade, industry, currency, credit, every thing which in these modern times gives strength and resource to a people. The rebellion, under any circumstances, could not long endure it; least of all, when called to such desperate exertions such as our invading armies must henceforth compel.

THE RELIEF FOR ENGLISH DISTRESS.—A

correspondent, representing a prominent mercantile house, and to whose letter we give place, objects to the whole scheme for furnishing relief from this country for Lancashire. He thinks that the movement is not only a mistake, but unnecessary and uncalled for—as the two countries are at bitter enmity, as England is able to take care of her own famished operatives, as the distress there is not so bad as represented, as the proposed action would give more pain and annoyance than gratification to England, and on the whole, that it would be "wrong for America to give and equally wrong for England to receive the proffered assistance," while it would be much better that the fund raised for Lancashire be diverted to the relief of the 130,000 National troops now in hospital.

We do not see that there is anything particu-

lar in all these statements. The international relief movement can hardly be said to be a "mistake, or to be unnecessary and uncalled for," when we consider the anxiety of the starving operatives themselves to obtain this very relief from this country, as was shown in a remarkable extract of a letter from England, published by us on Friday last. "The distress among the operatives" is far worse than has ever been represented in this journal, if we may believe the horrible and heartrending returns from the different "Unions," the statistics of the Relief Committee, the speeches of Mr. CONNELL and the letters of Lord OSBORNE, the appeals issued by all the members of the Anglican hierarchy to their clergy and parishioners, the unanimous voice of the English Press, and the statements that have found their way into print from the starving men themselves. Never, in all the records of human misery, have we seen horrors piled upon horrors in such fearful volume as they are in the publications and official documents of the Manchester "Central Relief Committee." It is only because our columns are daily filled to repletion with matters relating to the war that we cannot give publicity to these details.

We suppose "England is able to relieve all this suffering," but in the meantime the number of idle and famished operatives swells weekly by tens of thousands—so that, increasing at the present rate, Lancashire will see by the close of the year over a million of human beings dependent upon the dole of charity. If "the two countries are at enmity," we still think it would be magnanimous to feed a perishing foe; but we have shown frequently in our columns, that if the aristocracy, the snobocracy and the shopocracy of England are our enemies, those poor starving Englishmen of Lancashire have been "our consistent and persistent friends." If it would "pain and annoy England" to receive American donations, it would cheer and save those to whom they were sent, as even now they look with longing eyes for the ships that shall bring them relief from this land of plenty. We do not propose at present to feed the London *Times*, nor Lord JOHN RUSSELL, nor Mr. GILBERT, nor the selfish and treacherous men who are even now building piratical vessels to destroy American commerce; and we do not care whether they feel offended or not, provided their poor fellow-countrymen are saved by us from starvation.

As for the 130,000 Union troops in hospital, to whom our correspondent proposes to divert American charity, we can say, that if there is anything needed for the comfort of these sick and wounded heroes, which they have not already got in profusion, the first and most liberal to supply their wants will, not those who carp at gifts to Lancashire, but those who freely share their abundance with the destitute and suffering, wherever they may be found, at home or abroad.

War Expenditure and its Compensation.

From the report of the Secretary of the Treasury we find that the ordinary Revenue of the year 1861-2 was \$51,935,720 76. The derangement of several of the departments of our great industrial and commercial interests, rendered it inevitable that the revenue during the first year of the war should be smaller than usual. It suffered, however, less than we anticipated. Among the items of which it is made up, direct and internal taxes appear for the first time in twenty-five years. The amount of these war taxes is no more than \$1,755,331 73, as they only began to be collected toward the close of the year. Their amount up to July 1, 1863, is estimated at \$6 millions, and for the following year at \$50 millions, as by that time the Excise machinery will be in full working order.

The loans negotiated during the year have brought into the Treasury \$433,595,548, all of which, except a balance of 13 millions, have been disbursed. The whole expenditures of the year amounted to \$474,744,778. Of this the army and navy consumed 437 millions, the interest of the debt 13 millions, and the civil Government 24½ millions.

During the current year, Mr. CHASE anticipates that we shall add to our debt 526 millions of dollars, and that the revenue from all sources will amount to 167 millions. The estimated expenditures are, for the army and navy, 643 millions; for interest, 26 millions; for the civil Government, 25 millions. The total outlay will thus amount to 693 millions. For the year 1864, should the war unhappily be so long continued, Mr. CHASE's opinion is that we must borrow 592 millions, and that we can raise from taxes and other sources 220 millions. The expenditures are estimated at 816 millions, of which the army and navy will require 767 millions, interest of debt 334 millions, pensions 10 millions, and the cost of the civil government 25 millions.

If these estimates shall prove correct, the outlay of the army and navy alone will, during these three years, amount to 1,837 millions of dollars. But in ordinary peace times our army and navy would probably cost us some 40 millions a year. During the three years, therefore, if we were at peace, we should have to spend 120 millions. Deducting this sum we get, as the extra cost involved by the rebellion, 1,717 millions of dollars, of which Mr. CHASE proposes to borrow 1,551 millions.

This outlay is certainly very considerable. But it may be well for us to remember that other nations, when threatened by great perils, have made still more exhausting efforts for their national defence. If, for instance, we look to England, we shall find that after the close of the great war in 1815, she expended during a quarter of a century of profound peace 379 millions sterling, or 1,895 millions of dollars. To protect herself from the real or supposed designs of her enemies, and to give security to the industry and commerce of her people, Great Britain expended a larger sum than we shall require, even should our struggle for National existence be undecided for another year and a half.

Now as the total private income of the citizens of Great Britain was estimated in 1841 to be 1,350 millions of dollars, it appears that

when on a peace footing, the army and navy of England consume the whole national income of 18 days in every year. Thus the inhabitants, after paying the interest of their national debt, are compelled every year to forego the produce of 18 days' labor, in order to obtain protection and save themselves from being conquered and despoiled of all. Such is the price of security when neighboring nations keep standing armies, and such is the expense which jealousy or mutual distrust entail on every nation in Europe.

By our happy isolation from all rival nations, we have hitherto been free from the prodigious outlay and the political perils incident to large standing armies. Had the malignant spirit of discord been permitted quietly to accomplish the disruption of our glorious Republic, a new policy, foreign to our habits and threatening to our institutions, would have been forced upon us. Once divide our country, and military establishments become a permanent necessity. With a military monarchy, powerful, compact and numerous, placed in our midst in time of peace, what patriot could, without foreboding, contemplate the future as it would affect ourselves, our internal security, our liberties and progress. And, on the other hand, with a strong warlike empire on our Southern borders, who could doubt that military ambition, conflicting interests, national rivalry, fugitive slaves, perpetual border warfare, and the rage for annexation or conquest, would soon throw over this whole continent, and bind upon its people both North and South, the burdens which paralyze the industry, and the institutions which crush the enterprise of the jarring nations of the Old World. The expense of our present war may be great, but the prize at stake is greater still. And the precious, perennial fruits of Union, secured for ourselves, for our children, and for the whole of that vast territorial domain, whose progress and well-being Providence has intrusted to our keeping, are worth all the sacrifices we shall ever be called to make.

A Great National Work.

A proposition was before Congress at its last session to enlarge the Illinois and Michigan Canal and to improve the navigation of the Illinois River, so as to secure a passage for gunboats and armed vessels between the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan. The bill was within one or two votes of passing, but was postponed to the present session. It will soon be up for further consideration, and in contemplation of the inquiries that Col. J. D. WEBSTER, 1st Regt. Illinois Light Artillery, to examine and report upon the practicability and cost of the proposed work. The report of Col. WEBSTER will be found in our columns to-day.

Col. WEBSTER went over the line of the proposed improvement, and got a general idea of the topography of the country. But he confessedly made no surveys; he merely made use of the surveys of former engineers, and increased their estimates to meet the increased size of canal demanded. In, and of itself, then, Col. WEBSTER's report adds nothing to the scientific knowledge previously possessed on the subject; while the commercial and National bearings of the proposed improvement might have fallen into much more familiar and competent hands, which would not have drawn again the very stale traditions in regard to the extent of the water communication afforded by the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River, which are solemnly declared in the report to be "among the grandest features of the geography of the globe." Of the Mississippi River, it is with questionable originality alleged that "its numerous ramifications penetrate a country of unrivaled fertility, and in many parts abounding in the useful metals." This reads like a child's geography, and is not very creditable to an eminent modern engineer. And even less entitled to respect is the ambitious but very misty tribute paid to the natural advantages of the projected canal line.

"It is one of nature's highways, one of the lines which she marks out for guidance of the great movements of the race, and by which topography foretells the march of Empire. The aboriginal savages traveled by instinct, and now educated intelligence can find no better places for compelling and uniting lines of travel and traffic, embracing half a continent."

The lapping of the headwaters of the Calumet River, emptying into Lake Michigan, and the Illinois, emptying into the Mississippi River, furnished a very perfect water level between the Lake and the Mississippi, which the "aboriginal savage" in early days sometimes traversed in his canoe; but surely it was a higher intelligence than "instinct" that taught the "savage" to follow this natural canal in his aboriginal navigation. It is not, therefore, so surprising that "educated" people should find a like convenience of water in passing boats through the country.

But notwithstanding this not very striking report, the proposed canal is of great importance, and will probably be ordered to be constructed by the present Congress. It will commence at Chicago, (Lake Michigan), and follow the line of the Illinois and Michigan Canal southward to La Salle, on the Illinois River—a distance of ninety-six miles. The present canal will be widened and deepened, so as to have a width of one hundred and sixty feet on the bottom, with sloping rock walls of ten feet. The depth of the canal is to be seven feet, so as to be easily navigable by vessels drawing six feet of water. From La Salle, the Illinois River is to be followed to its junction with the Mississippi River, a distance of 220 miles, in which there is a total fall of 28 feet. It is calculated that seven dams and locks on the Illinois River will afford a sufficient depth of water, the year through, to keep the communication perfect. The locks, both canal and river, it is proposed to make 350 feet long and 60 feet broad. This is something quite unheard of in the size of locks; and their immense capacity may be understood in the explanation that

twelve of our present ordinary canal-boats could be put through at one lockage, in from 15 to 20 minutes. The entire Canal when completed is to be fed from Lake Michigan, which has an elevation sufficient to pour an unceasing stream of its waters toward the Mexican Gulf. And its rise and fall in the course of the year is hardly perceptible to the closest gaugers of its tides, so that the supply to the Canal would be never failing.

The estimated cost of this great work is \$18,346,824. The entire length of it (816 miles) will lie in a country as rich as the Valley of the Nile, and salubrious and populous, with industry, as that valley never was. The Erie Canal (354 miles long) received in tolls the present year over \$5,000,000. The great Illinois Canal, to connect the Mississippi Valley with the Atlantic seaboard, would be a far more imposing work in its beginning than the Erie Canal at its projection was supposed to be.

But it is only in its military aspect and as a means of national defence that Congress can entertain the project. And there is reason on these grounds to justify the work. In case of war with England, that Power could cover the lakes with gunboats and annihilate the immense commerce of our Lake States and the Northwest. It would be of incalculable advantage to the United States in such contingency to be able to turn through the ship canal an iron-clad fleet of light gunboats from the Mississippi River and transporta filled with hardy Western soldiers. The ability to do so would insure the sweeping of every vestige of English power from the borders of the lakes, down the St. Lawrence to the ocean and into it.

A WEEK LATER FROM EUROPE.

THE ARABIA AT HALIFAX.

THE POLITICAL NEWS UNIMPORTANT.

Prince Alfred, of England, and the

Grecian Throne.

The Great Prize Fight Between Mace and

King for the Championship of England.

MACE KNOCKED OUT OF TIME.

Prospective Fight Between King

and Heenan.

HALIFAX, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The steamship *Arabia*, from Liverpool on the 29th, and Queenstown on the 30th of November, arrived here this forenoon. Her dates are one week later than those already received.

The steamship *Glasgow*, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown on the 27th of November.

The steamship *Hammam*, from New-York, arrived at Southampton on the 28th of November.

The steamship *Scotia*, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown on the 29th of November.

The news by the *Arabia* is meagre and unimportant.

The excitement in Greece in favor of placing Prince ALFRED on the Throne continues.

The *Arabia* has 45 passengers and sixty-two pounds sterling for Halifax. No special for Boston.

The *Arabia* arrived here at 7½ o'clock this morning, and sailed again for Boston at 10 o'clock, where she will be due at an early hour on Thursday morning.

The steamship *Bahamian*, from Quebec, arrived at Liverpool on the 28th of November.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The London *Daily News* devotes an editorial to the refutation of the idea that the Democratic Party can be called conservative. It reviews the course of the party in the past, to show that this assumption of conservatism is absurd.

The London *Morning Post* points out that the virtual want of confidence in the Government at Washington, which the recent elections in the Northern States indicate, furnish that Government with a plausible pretext of retreating from its position with some semblance of dignity. It fears, however, that until that Government is forcibly ejected from power no hope can be entertained of the war being brought to a conclusion.

The London *Army and Navy Gazette* says that Gen. BROWN's change of base to Aquia Creek gives it but little confidence in the plans of the Federal leaders, and it does not believe that the Confederates will quietly submit to the movement.

A meeting of the Great Ship Company it was stated that if £1,750 was not immediately provided, the steamship *Great Eastern* must pass into other hands. It would also require £5,000 to bring her home. The Directors proposed to raise £100,000, on a mortgage for three years. The ship earned \$45,000 in 111 days. SCOTT RUSSELL censured the general management of the Company. The proposal of the Directors was adopted.

Contributions for the relief of the distressed Lancashire operatives continued on a most magnificent scale. The American Chamber of Commerce at Liverpool voted £1,000 to the Relief Fund.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Atlantic Telegraph Company is called for the 12th of December, for the purpose of considering a proposition for the issue of 200,000 new capital in preference to shares of £5 each, bearing eight per cent. interest guaranteed by the British Government, in the event of success, and an further profits to be first applied to pay four per cent. on the old capital, and the surplus an equal division between the old and new, and the formation of a reserve fund.

FRANCE.

The Paris *Univers* closed its issue on the 29th of November, at 705, 400, for the Times.

million of francs of the money appropriated for the public works be applied to the relief of its distressed cotton operatives.

The Green Prize-fight for the Championship of England.—The great prize-fight for the championship of England, between Jack Mason and Tom Kins, took place on the 28th of November.

After fighting twenty-one rounds, most of which were in favor of Mason, Kins put in one of his sledgehammer blows, and knocked Mason insensible. Mason did not come to "time" when it was called, Kins was declared the victor.

It is reported that Jack Kins has agreed to fight Kins for the championship—each man to put up \$200 a side.

Latest News Via Queenstown.—London, Saturday, Nov. 20. There is no news of political importance.

The excitement in Greece in favor of placing Prince Albert of England, upon the throne, continues.

Commercial News by the Arabia.—Liverpool, Saturday, Nov. 20.—A. M.

Cotton.—The Brokers' Circular reports the sales of Cotton for the week at 39,000 bales. The market opened buoyant, and all descriptions advanced, but the advance was not sustained, and the market closed with a downward tendency.

Woolen Underclothes.—The market for woolen underclothes is quiet. The demand for the season is not so strong as last year.

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serves that the greatest activity prevailed in the military preparations of the French, but that the expedition for Puebla appears still very far off, goes on slowly, and nobody can divine when it will take place.

LAW.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething.—Not only relieves the child from pain, but invigorates the stomach and bowels, corrects acidity, and gives tone and vigor to the whole system. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Woolen Underclothes.—AND DRAWERS, CARDIGAN JACKETS, AND A Great Variety of Hosiery and Gloves.

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Herring's Patent Champion Safes.—THEIR TRIUMPHS FOR NOVEMBER.

NUMBERS ONE AND TWO.—GREAT FIRE AT BUCHANAN, MICH.

NUMBERS THREE AND FOUR.—GREAT FIRE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO.

NUMBERS FIVE AND SIX.—GREAT FIRE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO.

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INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE.

TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

AN APPEAL FOR THE SUFFERING OPERATIVES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The blow struck at our national existence has fallen heavily upon the operatives of Europe, and it is not only in England that there is unusual suffering and a great want of food.

The agency of Lancashire, says the London Times, "is every day becoming more and more acute. When it is ended the sufferings of the people will prove the greatest national trial that we have had since the Irish famine."

When the Irish famine prevailed in 1847 the American people were called upon to relieve the sufferers. The British Government afforded facilities for its distribution, and the Queen, who has ever been a champion of the oppressed, recognized the friendliness of her American people.

Again we are called upon in the name of humanity to relieve men, women and children, who are compelled, in our winter, to live without food. The famine is not a war. The people are not to be starved to death. The famine is a national trial, and it is our duty to relieve the sufferers.

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Important Matters Under Discussion in Congress.

The Question of Arbitrary Arrests in the Senate.

The Admission of Western Virginia as a State in the House.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The time of both Houses of Congress to-day was occupied in debate—in the Senate, of Mr. SALMONS'S resolution calling for information on the subject of Government arrests, which will probably be amended to-morrow and passed, and in the House, on the bill admitting Western Virginia, which is expected to pass by a small majority.

A VISIT TO THE BRAZILIAN FRIGATE.

The President, Secretary of War, and the Brazilian Minister, to-day visited the Brazilian frigate *Parana*, newly lying off Arsenal Wharf. A collation was served on board, and courtesies exchanged, with mutual expressions of national good-will.

GEN. FRANKLIN.

Gen. FRANKLIN had an interview to-day with the Secretary of War and Gen. HALLOCK, in relation, it is said, to the appointment of troops in the several Grand Divisions, and will to-morrow morning return to his command.

THE INDIAN EXECUTIONS.

In an interview last evening between Indian Commissioner DOLAN and the President, the former learned that the synopsis of the evidence upon which the Indians were convicted had been carefully considered, and orders issued for the execution of forty of the most guilty, to take place on the 19th inst. The President's decision is reserved in regard to the rest of the Indians convicted, who, for the present, remain where they are.

GEN. SCHENCK.

Gen. SCHENCK left this evening for Philadelphia. He is still suffering from the effects of his wound, and it will be some time before he can assume the command to which he has been assigned in Baltimore.

SICK SOLDIERS.

About a hundred sick soldiers arrived to-day from Gen. BAXTER'S army.

GEN. MACCELLAN.

Gen. MACCELLAN testified to-day before the McDowell Court of Inquiry, and will remain in this city several days.

REBEL EVACUATION.

We learn from Fairfax Court House that our scouts report a general evacuation by the rebels of Thoroughfare Gap, Aldie and the surrounding country.

FRAUDS IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Surgeon-General HANCOCK left to-day to investigate the alleged frauds in the Medical Purveying Department, and personally inspect the hospitals.

An investigation is going on in Philadelphia into the operations of the Medical Purveying Department in that city. The Surgeon-General, some days since, suspecting from strong evidence that all was not right there, sent Medical-Inspector PRATT to inquire into the condition of affairs. This officer obtained ample evidence that the Purveyor had been guilty, to use a mild term, of very dishonest and dishonorable practices. The Purveyor, who is a Surgeon in the regular army, has been relieved from duty, and his books and accounts seized by the Judge-Advocate. The operations of the Purveying Department in Philadelphia, in consequence of this discovery of frauds, have been temporarily suspended, but will soon be resumed again.

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS.

Yesterday, for the first time, artificial legs were distributed among the soldiers who have lost their pedal extremities in the service of their country. These patients are now all congregated in one hospital—the St. Elizabeth, on the Eastern Branch, nearly opposite the Navy-yard. The soldiers were much pleased with the new aids to locomotion, and many amusing scenes occurred among them while trying on the artificial legs. The first individual who tried one was lustily cheered by his companions as he paraded through the wards of the hospital. All the patients will be supplied in the course of a few days.

INQUIRY IN REGARD TO MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

Senator SUMNER, of Oregon, on Monday introduced the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to report to the Senate the names and rank of the additional Aide-de-Camp appointed under the provision of the act of Congress of August 5, 1862, also the names, names and rank of the additional Aide-de-Camp who are now drawing pay from the Government, and not employed in actual service.

INVESTIGATION OF NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

The following resolution was introduced by Senator McDOWELL, of California, on Monday:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to inform the Senate if any Congressional District in the United States has more than two Midshipmen in the Naval Academy, and if so, by what law they have been appointed, and how many districts have such excesses, and by whom the appointments have been recommended.

LEGISLATION FOR MISSOURI.

Resolved, That the Military Committee be instructed to consider the expediency of providing by law for effectually suppressing the rebellion and securing domestic tranquility in the State of Missouri.

NUMBER OF INVALIDS.

The statement, published in several newspapers, that there are upwards of 25,000 sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals in this city and vicinity, is exaggerated. The number, including about 3,000 at Frederick and Harper's Ferry, will not exceed 15,000. The total number of patients in the different General Hospitals in the country is about 38,000.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

AMENDMENT OF THE REVENUE LAW.

The bill which passed the House to-day, amending the act to provide internal Revenue, to support the Government and pay the interest on the public debt, approved July 1, 1862, authorizes the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, to administer oaths and examinations in all cases where they are required, but no fee to be charged or allowed therefor.

THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue is authorized to furnish to the Assistant Treasurers or Collectors of the United States at San Francisco and Portland, Oregon, with adhesive stamps or stamped paper, vellum or parchment, according to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Laws under such regulations and conditions. He may, from time to time prescribe, and without requiring payment in advance therefor, provided no greater commission shall be allowed than is now provided by law.

A stamp appropriated to denote the duty charged

on any particular instrument, and bearing the name of such instrument on the face thereof, which have been used, or which shall hereafter be used for denoting any other duty of the same amount, shall be deemed and taken to be good and valid, provided the provisions of this section shall not apply to any stamp appropriated to denote the duty charged on proprietary articles. All instruments, documents and papers subject to duty, used by the officers of the United States Government, where the United States would be chargeable with the duty or stamp thereon, and all instruments, documents and papers of the Executive Department of the several States subject to duty, where any State would be chargeable with the duty and stamp thereon, and also all instruments, documents and papers relating to the procurement of bounty land and other bounties, pensions and orders of pay, by or for officers, soldiers and seamen, or other legal representatives, who have been or may be in the service of the United States, are exempt from duty.

The ninety-fifth section of the Internal Revenue act of July 1, 1862, is so amended that no instrument, document or paper made, signed or issued prior to the 1st of March, 1862, without being duly stamped or having thereon an adhesive stamp to denote the duty imposed thereon, shall, for that cause, be deemed invalid and of no effect; provided that section twenty-four of the act entitled, "An act increasing temporarily the duties on imports, and for other purposes," approved July 14, 1862, is hereby repealed.

All goods, wares and merchandise, or articles produced or made and finished ready for sale and removed for consumption prior to the 1st day of September, 1862, whether actually removed or not from the place of manufacture, shall be and hereby are exempt from duty, upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the Assessor of the District who shall hear and determine the same, that they were so made and finished ready for sale and removal for consumption, and where any duties shall have been assessed and collected upon such goods, wares and merchandise, or articles made and finished as aforesaid, the same shall be and hereby are remitted, and if actually collected, refunded by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue under such regulations as he may prescribe.

Hotels, inns, or taverns and eating-houses having taken out the license provided therefor, shall not be required to pay any other license for the sale of any articles customarily furnished by hotels, inns, or taverns and eating-houses, and not prohibited by the laws of any State or Territory where the same may be located, in violation thereof.

INTEREST ON THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The bill introduced by Representative STARKES yesterday, providing revenue for the support of the Government, contemplates no change whatever in relation to the payment of interest on the public debt already created, or the Custom-house rates now outstanding.

NEGRO COLONIZATION.

The recently published foreign correspondence shows that our Government proposed the voluntary colonization of Americans of African descent in the British Colonies, but Earl Russell declined the proposition.

Gen. WALKER, Minister to Brazil, has been exerting himself to effect a treaty by which all the freed negroes of our country shall be transplanted to the regions of the Amazon, at the expense of the United States, and there endowed with land gratuitously by Brazil, and, at the expiration of a term of years, become citizens of Brazil with all the rights and privileges of the free negro population of the Empire of whom, by the Constitution, are the recognized equals of the white man, and equally eligible with him to the highest office of the Empire, and where already the social distinctions between the white and black races which once existed have been nearly eradicated.

As serious fears seemed to be entertained by the people of Nicaragua that the President intended establishing a colony of free colored persons in some part of Central America, our Minister to that country assured the Government that no such project will be attempted against the known wishes of the people of those States.

The Revenue Bill published this morning was not reported from the Committee of Ways and Means yesterday, as was erroneously stated, but was simply submitted by Representative STARKES as an individual member on a call of the House. Neither the Secretary of the Treasury, nor the Committee, were consulted in regard to it.

WISCONSIN.

Secretary WALKER, to-day, in response to the House resolutions, transmitted a list of Acting Midshipmen appointed during the recess of Congress, and considers they have been made by full authority of law, although the exigencies of the service and condition of the country would not permit a compliance with previous usage, nor, in all respects, with the letter of recent enactments, apparently restricting the power of appointments made by previous laws. These appointments are seventy-six in number, viz: Maine, one; New-Hampshire, four; Vermont, one; Massachusetts, thirteen; Rhode Island, three; Connecticut, five; New-York, sixteen; Pennsylvania, eleven; Delaware, two; Maryland, two; Ohio, two; Illinois, two; Iowa, six; Missouri, three; Virginia, one; District of Columbia, one; at large, one—a son of an officer.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

Surgeon CHARLES MARTIN has been detached from the *Naval Revenue Cutter* at Boston, and ordered to the steam *San Jacinto*.

Surgeon JOHN KENDRICK has been ordered to the *Naval Revenue Cutter* at Boston.

Surgeon D. KENDRICK has been ordered to the steam *San Jacinto*.

E. T. MCINTOSH, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed Acting-Assistant Paymaster in the Navy. He was recently employed as a telegraph operator at Washington.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, in answer to the resolution calling for information in relation to the sale of colored freedmen captured by the rebels, etc.

The reply of Secretary Stanton states that "No information on the subject is in possession of the War Department."

Mr. SUMNER, of Ohio, (Rep.), presented a petition in favor of a General Bankrupt Act.

Mr. DAVIS, of Kentucky, (Union), presented two petitions, protesting against the action of the Advisory Board of the Navy.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Rep.), from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill for the relief of the owners of the French vessels *Julia* and *Maria*.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island, (Rep.), from the Committee on Printing, reported a bill to increase the bonds of the Superintendent of Printing.

Mr. HALL, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.), introduced a bill to abolish the grade of medical officers in the service of the United States.

Mr. HALL said that nothing was worse managed than this so-called "medical service." He believed that one of the soldiers of his own State had been literally murdered by medical officers. He understood that many of these medical officers could not speak a word of English, but they put on shoulder-straps and went about exercising "medical authority" instead of "medical skill." He (HALL) had also heard detailed of the circumstances of the death of Lieut.-Col. Dwyer after the battle of Antietam, who, as he was dying, said to a medical officer: "My wounds are your protection."

The bill was referred to the Military Committee.

The resolution offered by Mr. SUMNER relative to the arbitrary arrests of citizens of Delaware was then taken up.

Mr. HALL said, the Senator from Delaware (BAXTER) yesterday referred to a proper division of power as being the hope of a free government, and he (HALL)

was not willing to see the Senate undertake to interfere with other departments of the Government. He said that he had been aggrieved the Congress were still open, and he (HALL) believed that the writ of *habeas corpus* was not a mere form, but a real one.

Mr. BAXTER asked if a case had not occurred in his (HALL'S) own State where a person was arrested and held in custody without a writ of *habeas corpus* being issued?

Mr. HALL said he did not understand it. He acknowledged that this was an embarrassing question, but he thought it would be better to leave it to the Legislature. He moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. BAXTER, of Delaware, (Dem.), said there was no such division of the Government power. The Judiciary was always the weakest. It was no military, no political power. The President has asserted the right to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*, and he (BAXTER) thought it proper for the Senate to inquire into the matter.

Mr. CLARK, of New-Hampshire, (Rep.), said in the case referred to in New-Hampshire, Mr. BAXTER had put himself at the head of a band of men, and marching by the flag of his country sought aid, and after to do so, and the writ of *habeas corpus* was issued. He moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. VINTON, of Massachusetts, said, doubtless every body regretted the necessity of making these arrests in this country. The President regretted it as much as anybody, and he (VINTON) thought it was a mistake to charge the President with wanting to violate the rights of citizens. For a long time the leading traitors were kept in custody, and when they were released, they were necessary, and the first arrest was for selling gun-powder to the enemy. He, for one, thanked the President for making these arrests. It was a powerful means of preserving the Government, and he hoped the President and his advisers would not shrink from arresting any man who shows probable cause for being a traitor. He was not a traitor, and there never was a rebellion where so much consideration had been shown and so much humanity for wicked traitors.

Mr. CLARK, of Delaware, (Dem.), did not doubt that there were traitors made who were justifiable. But these men were citizens of Delaware, whose loyalty was not in question, and the first arrest was by persons from Maryland. All they asked was, by what authority these men from Maryland dragged peaceful citizens from the loyal State of Delaware.

The motion to lay on the table was disagreed by a vote of 3 yeas to 40 nays.

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The Victory at Fayetteville.

Official Dispatch from Gen. Curtis.

Besperate Bravery of the National Forces.

The Rebel Loss Much Heavier Than Ours.

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WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 10.

The official dispatch of the battle of Fayetteville has been received at the headquarters of the army here:

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9, 1862.

Major-Gen. Halleck, General-in-Chief, Washington: My forces of the Army of the Frontier united near Fayetteville, in the midst of a hard-fought battle.

Gen. Blunt had sustained his position at Cane Hill until Saturday night, when the enemy, twenty-five thousand strong, under Gen. HARRIS, attempted a flank movement on his left, to prevent the arrival of Gen. HARRIS's forces, which had been approaching for four days, by forced marches.

On Sunday, about 10 A. M., the enemy attacked Gen. HARRIS near Fayetteville, who, by gallant and desperate fighting, held him in check for three hours, until Gen. BLUNT's Division came up and attacked him in the rear.

The fight continued desperately until dark. Our troops then bivouacked on the battlefield, while the enemy retreated across the Boston Mountains.

The loss on both sides is heavy, but is much the greatest on the side of the enemy, our artillery creating terrible slaughter to their greater numbers. The enemy had greatly the advantage in position.

Among the enemy killed is Col. SMITH, formerly Brigadier-General of the Missouri State Guards. Both Gen. BLUNT and HARRIS deserve special commendation for their gallantry in the battle of Fayetteville, Ark.

S. R. CURTIS, Major-General Commanding.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

The Rebels Still Actively at Work on Their Fortifications.

OUR SPECIAL ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 10.

A special dispatch from the Texas correspondent, with Gen. HARRIS, says that the rebels continue active work on their fortifications, though it is regarded as a use to conceal their movement toward Richmond.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Gen. BURNSIDE, to-day, visited Gen. SCHAEFER and HARRIS's commands. The troops on parade approached cheerfully as he passed.

The energy of the Quartermasters of Commissaries has placed the army in such a condition that no want can be anticipated for some time to come. The hardness of the roads, and the increased facilities on the railroad, have enabled the Quartermaster's Department to bring forward from the shipping points a large amount of supplies above the daily consumption. Should the army be put in motion at any hour, these departments will be found in excellent condition.

A large number of officers are daily arriving from foraging and resuming their active duties in camp. There has been considerable change of position of several army corps within the past few days, forecasting future movements of importance.

It is stated to-day by reliable observers that the enemy have one hundred and eight guns in position on the south side of the Rappahannock, some of which are of heavy calibre.

PROBABLY A FALSE REPORT.

The Washington Star has this paragraph: "We do not believe the story alleging the capture by the rebels of 150 negroes loaded with ammunition, &c., on the road between Alexandria and Fairfax, the latter part of last week. The truth of the matter, we apprehend, is as follows, viz: On Friday last 74 wagons, loaded principally with forage, and, perhaps, some ammunition, accompanied by a considerable number of negroes, were dispatched from here, overland, to join Gen. BURNSIDE's army, all under escort of two companies of dragoons. They camped the first (Friday) night at Cameron Run, four miles out of Alexandria. By daybreak about twenty-five of the negroes had deserted, alleging that they had been unable to get their pay. Other teams were promptly sent to the train from this city, and it is known to have proceeded on its way that evening. Since then, nothing has been heard from it to justify the idea that its progress was interfered with by the rebels. It is known that cavalry were sent out from BURNSIDE's army to meet and expel it. So this story of its capture is altogether improbable."

GEN. SUMNER'S GRAND DIVISION.

The Supply Train—Stafford Court-house in Ruins—Virginia Artillery, &c. STAFFORD COURT-HOUSE, VA., Eight Miles from Fairfax, Potomac, Friday, Dec. 5, 1862.

A portion of our forces still remain here to guard and hurry forward the heavy supply train which, owing to the unexpected and prompt orders for marching, could not be made ready to proceed with the army proper. Did the rebel cavalry who hang on our rear know of the rich stores thus left behind, they would be strongly tempted to essay their capture. Such an effort would, however, prove unavailing.

This little Virginia hamlet, which has been so conspicuously distinguished by the rebels, is situated on the main line of the Northern Virginia Railway, and is the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac. It presents a scene of desolation, and the only buildings left standing are the houses of the few families who have remained here, and the substantial stone walls of the

been consumed, timber by timber, in the camp fires of the Union soldiers. The once great Court-house stands by the roadside a monument to treason and rebellion, deprived of its white picket fence, stripped of window blinds, cases and dome, walls defaced by various hieroglyphics, the Judge's bench a target for the "expectorating Yankee;" the circular inclosure occupied by the jury was besmeared with mud, and valuable documents, of every description scattered about the floor and yard—it is, indeed, a sad picture of what an infuriated people will bring upon themselves. In one corner of the yard stands a house of record, in which were deposited all the important deeds and papers pertaining to this section for a generation past. When our advance entered the building, they were found lying about the floor to the depth of fifteen inches or more around the door-steps and in the door-yard. It is impossible to estimate the inconvenience and losses which will be incurred by this wholesale destruction of deeds, claims, mortgages, &c. I learned that a squadron of exasperated cavalry, who passed this way not long since committing the mischief. The jail across the way, where many a poor fugitive has doubtless been imprisoned for striking out of freedom, is now used as a guard-house. As I write, the hollow countenance of a culprit is peeping through the iron grates of a window, who, may be, is atoning for having invaded a hen-roost or bagged an unsuspecting pig. Our soldiers have rendered animal life almost extinct in this part of the Old Dominion. Indeed, wherever the army goes, there can be heard on every side the piercing wail of exhorting pork, the plaintive howling of a sticken hound or suppressed cry of an unfortunate gallop.

There is now being constructed on the narrow neck of land opposite here an extensive wharf for the purpose, I am informed, of landing live stock. Instead of bringing cattle from Washington and other places, as the army may require them, large droves will at once be shipped to this point, fed and kept in proper condition for slaughtering. Animals transported here from time to time as they are needed, in overcrowded boats, (seven dead on route out of a load of fifty this week,) feverish and overhauled, are unfit to become beef for several days at best, which cannot be granted under the present arrangement. An incident which recently transpired near here is worthy of recording, illustrating, as it does, the coolness and courage with which some of the Virginia women are endowed. A cavalry stranger, after vainly ransacking the out-buildings of a plantation in search of corn, approached the door in which a young lady was standing, and demanded that "some of the grain, which he knew was concealed in the house, should be given him." "We have none," was the reply. "Stand aside until I go in and see for myself," he rudely retorted, at the same time whirling out of his sheath a heavy Colt's revolver. No sooner did the fair girl placed herself firmly in the doorway, drew a small repeater from her bosom, and, deliberately aiming it at the rascal's head, exclaimed: "Approach one step further toward this house and you are a dead man." Cowed and baffled by such an exhibition of bravery, the trooper turned on his heel and left. It may, perhaps, be interesting for him to learn that the maiden who placed such a summary check upon his thieving propensities is the talented of GEORGE B. DAVIS, a daughter of JEFFERSON, and discharges her pocket pistol with an accuracy which has made her famous in this locality.

GEN. SIGEL'S RESERVE DIVISION. Camp Life in Winter—Soldiers' Quarters—Joe Johnson's Huts in Use—The Court of Inquiry—An Examining Board for Cavalry Officers. CENTREVILLE, Friday, Dec. 5, 1862.

To-day we have one of the most severe storms of the season. Snow has been falling rapidly since 9 o'clock this morning, and the ground everywhere is covered to the depth of between four or five inches. Of course all military operations hereabouts are at a standstill, and officers and men are busily engaged in an effort to make themselves as comfortable as circumstances will permit. The log cabins, erected at this point last winter by Gen. JOHNSON's Division, are now brought into requisition, and afford comfortable quarters, so far as they go. The enemy, in the construction of these cabins, exhibited, if not a degree of ingenuity, at least a decent regard for their own comfort. A description of the one in which I now have a temporary abode will answer for all of the kind that have been permitted to stand, most of them having been taken down from time to time and the timber used for firewood. The one to which I now write is made of logs flattened on two sides and one laid above another; the inequalities between these pieces are filled in with sticks and mud to keep out the air. It is 16 feet long, 12 feet wide and about 6 feet high at the eaves, with a roof some 4 feet higher in the centre, and covered with roughly-made shingles or slabs, evidently split out with an ordinary axe. At one end is a huge fire-place, which reminds one more of the log cabins generally constructed in new settlements in a more northerly latitude. One opening at the side answers for the double purpose of a place for admitting light and a place of egress and ingress. As this establishment is occupied by a very select party, we boast of what but few others possess in their huts, a brick hearth. Unfortunately there are not huts enough to accommodate all the troops; but these, with tents, only to sleep under, have managed, by numerous little ingenious contrivances to make themselves more comfortable than they supposed they could before being forced by the mother of invention, necessity. Many of the tents have floors, made either of barrel staves, boards, or limbs of trees; a trench outside carries off all surplus water, and slabs of boards, or logs, placed at the sides of the tent, make it snug and warm. Not a few have an arrangement of some kind for heating their little apartments. The most common arrangement for this purpose is a small fire-place, and to be economical in space, this is placed at the back of and outside the tent. The tent is set open at the centre to the height of the fire-place and fastened to it. The chimneys—generally six feet high—and fire-places, many of them, display much ingenuity on the part of the builder. It is no difficult task for any person to throw up a rough fire-place and chimney, where all the necessary materials and tools are to be had; but to construct such an affair out of barrels, sticks, stones and mud, without any other tools than an axe and a spade, is quite another matter. Yet it is done, and there is quite a rivalry among the men in this branch of soldiering. In no place, perhaps, is order more strikingly developed in man than in camp. The mode of order, no matter under what circumstances he may be placed, is always surrounded by an air of comfort, to which others less favored are avowed strangers. His magic touch gives grace and even beauty to the roughest exterior. It can be seen in the construction and arrangement of a cabin as well as the palace. Your man of order is quite as distinguishable marching through mud and slush, or in camp on a dismal day like this, for instance, as he would be parading Broadway some pleasant summer afternoon. He is not of the common herd, and yet it is impossible to tell exactly wherein he differs from his cotemporary. As I look about over this camp, I see some tents that even have an air of elegance about their exterior, and others that are just the reverse, and yet it is impossible to definitely point out wherein exists the difference. As order is one of the first lessons a soldier has to learn, not the least interesting portion of camp life is to watch its development in different men, and no better opportunity has been afforded for a test in this respect than the present inclement weather. But it is one of those matters which, to be appreciated, must be seen—the photograph art even failing to give a correct idea, and how can it be expected to be more truthful with pen and ink?

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A QUESTIONABLE DECISION. To the Editor of the New-York Times: NEW-YORK, Monday, Dec. 8, 1862.

About two months since we took out two licenses, one as wholesale dealers and the other as manufacturers, in order to conform to the new Tax law, since which time we have found it to our advantage to remove our business from No. 409 to No. 403 Broadway, only three doors below old stand, and applied to the Collector of our District to have said licenses transferred, which he stated he "could not do." We wrote to Hon. Geo. S. BORTWELL, Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, and received in answer the inclosed communication, which, for its unjust decision, remains without a parallel. As it is of great importance to the community to be posted about these decisions, we think you will greatly benefit the readers of your journal by publishing the same. Yours, respectfully, BALLOU BLOOM, No. 403 Broadway.

(COPY.) TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE, WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.

GENTLEMEN: In reply to your letter of Nov. 13, I have to say that the licenses you have already taken out may be assigned to other persons to carry on the same trade in the same place named therein, but I have no authority to order the transfer of your licenses. Having changed your place of business, you require new licenses. Yours, respectfully, C. T. ESTES, for Commissioner.

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About two months since we took out two licenses, one as wholesale dealers and the other as manufacturers, in order to conform to the new Tax law, since which time we have found it to our advantage to remove our business from No. 409 to No. 403 Broadway, only three doors below old stand, and applied to the Collector of our District to have said licenses transferred, which he stated he "could not do." We wrote to Hon. Geo. S. BORTWELL, Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, and received in answer the inclosed communication, which, for its unjust decision, remains without a parallel. As it is of great importance to the community to be posted about these decisions, we think you will greatly benefit the readers of your journal by publishing the same. Yours, respectfully, BALLOU BLOOM, No. 403 Broadway.

(COPY.) TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE, WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.

GENTLEMEN: In reply to your letter of Nov. 13, I have to say that the licenses you have already taken out may be assigned to other persons to carry on the same trade in the same place named therein, but I have no authority to order the transfer of your licenses. Having changed your place of business, you require new licenses. Yours, respectfully, C. T. ESTES, for Commissioner.

To Messrs. BALLOU BLOOM, No. 403 Broadway, New-York City.

OUR RELATIONS WITH FRANCE.

A Curious Revelation of French Diplomacy.

What Prompted the Mediation Proposition.

How it was Regarded by Great Britain and Russia.

From an Occasional Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 8, 1862.

Our relations with France have become so important that you will be interested in some details of information which may throw light upon the probable motives and intentions of the Emperor toward this country.

You have already seen Mr. DARTON's dispatch to Mr. SEWARD, dated Nov. 6, in which M. DARTON as L'Hors, the new Minister of Foreign Affairs, is reported to have said to him on that day that "no action was in contemplation by France, or by France conjointly with foreign Powers, in reference to the condition of things in the United States—but that everything remained as it had done for some time past." And you can hardly have omitted to observe that this was in flat contradiction with the fact, inasmuch as the French dispatch to England and Russia, signed by DARTON as L'Hors himself, was dated Oct. 25, and had been for some days in possession of the English and Russian Governments when the Minister denied to Mr. DARTON that any such note had been written. In that same dispatch Mr. DARTON states that he put the question still more explicitly—saying that he had "seen it stated that France, England and Russia were contemplating upon the propriety of offering mediation," to which M. DARTON as L'Hors replied that although the Emperor wished that something could be done toward ending the war, "nothing had been resolved upon." This was Nov. 6, when that note, proposing mediation, had been "resolved upon," written and sent ten days before.

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On the 6th of November, the day when Mr. DARTON, asked this question, neither the British nor the Russian Cabinet had decided how to receive and treat the application of the Emperor. If the fact of that application should come to Mr. DARTON's knowledge before their decision had been reached, he would undoubtedly have done all in his power to induce it, to checkmate the attempted negotiation. It was important, therefore, for the French Minister's purposes, to conceal from Mr. DARTON the fact that any such proposal had been made; and he took the most direct, indeed, the only means of concealing it when the question was put to him—that of a distinct and explicit denial.

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ADDITIONAL FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Hansa at this Port, the North American and St. Andrews at Portland.

OUR CONTINENTAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No New French Note on Mediation.

The Liverpool Chamber of Commerce on Maritime Law.

Distress Among French Operatives.

MARRIAGE OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Prince Alfred and the Throne of Greece.

The steamship *North American*, Capt. Burgess, from Liverpool on the 27th, via London, arrived at the 28th of November, arrived at Portland at 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

Purser WALLACE reports violent gales from the north-eastward from the 3d to the 6th inst.

Purser WALLACE also reports: Signaled on the 30th of November, British bark *Ladmiral*, bound west, in lat. 54° 35', lon. 20° 13'.

The steamship *St. Andrew*, Capt. Dutton, from Glasgow on the 21st of November, arrived at Portland at 3 o'clock this morning.

The steamship *Hansa*, of the Bremen line, from Southampton on Nov. 26, arrived here this morning. Her advice has been anticipated by the *Arabia*.

The *Constitutionnel*, of Nov. 24, says: "Some foreign journals have spoken of a second note on mediation in America having been dispatched by M. Drouot to L'Héra. We can state, however, that this rumor is without any foundation."

The Poor Law Board have issued orders authorizing the guardians of Preston and Blackburn to borrow for the relief of the operatives the respective sums of £3,517 and £2,890.

A special meeting was held at the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce on Monday, Nov. 24. Mr. CAMPBELL moved that the Chamber adhere to the views expressed by it in its memorial to the Board of Trade, Jan. 19, 1860, and its petition to the House, March 6, 1862, in favor of the proposal to exempt private property from capture at sea.

Mr. JAMES SPENCE said he thought it would be highly advisable to the interests of this country to abandon the rights of capture at sea, and still more injurious to abandon the right of blockade. He moved as an amendment "that, in the opinion of this Chamber, it is not expedient to memorialize the Government to abandon the rights of blockade or diminish its efficiency." The amendment was carried by 22 to 14 votes.

Trade has begun to revive at Lyons. Some large orders have been received there from England and Italy.

The cotton manufacturers are coming forward most liberally for the relief of the distressed operatives. Some mills have undertaken to maintain all their hands on full pay, until July next.

The Governor of the Bank of France has subscribed 10,000 francs for the relief of the unemployed cotton-spinners of Rouen.

The experiments in the cultivation of cotton at Mazagan and Sefra have been successful, and the Moorish Government has ordered a large quantity of seed for the purpose of introducing cotton cultivation into Barbary.

A telegram from Pisa, of Nov. 23, says: "At 10 A. M. to-day, Dr. ZANETTI successfully extracted the bullet from GARIBOLDI'S wound. The bullet was extracted with great ease."

On Saturday an explosion took place in the Walker colliery, a pit about three miles from Newcastle. Sixteen men and boys were reported killed on Saturday.

The Prince of Wales has embarked at Civita Vecchia, Nov. 24, for Toulon or Marseilles.

The marriage of the Prince of Wales will be solemnized at the Chapel Royal, St. George's, Windsor, early in April next. The walls of the Robins Room, Windsor Castle have just been hung with the rich crimson figured satin, the pattern being a wreath of laurels surrounding the royal crown. It is thirty years since the walls of the apartments were decorated in a similar manner.

The *Patrie* denies that Marshal RAMPON has been sent to Rome on an extraordinary mission.

The London *Daily News* says: "The steamer *Nicola*, which left Liverpool a few days ago, ostensibly for St. Thomas, but really to run the blockade, carried out an immense quantity of war material. The *Confederate* steamer *Nicola*, cleared for St. Thomas, but she will make her way to Nassau, learn the latest news as to the position of the Federal cruisers, and act accordingly. Yesterday (Friday) three vessels sailed from Liverpool for Nassau, laden with some things which are in great request by the blockade breakers at Nassau. The names of these vessels are the *Thistle*, *Severn* and *Monmouth*."

AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN PARIS.

The *Ramers* of a Second French Attempt at Mediation—The Real Attitude of the French Government—Is it Friendly to the Union?—Some Reasons for Thinking So.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Paris, Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1862.

A ministerial weekly paper, the *Expresse*, published last week that the French Government intended soon to offer alone its mediation in America, and this assertion, borne out as it is by the course of the *Moniteur* and the ministerial journals, is generally accepted by the public. It is, however, being contradicted in the columns of certain journals, and it is denied as well in private circles, where, if such a step had been taken, or was about to be taken, there would at least be a suspicion of it.

The French Government, however, receives from Washington information which encourages a hope of an arrangement between the parties, and this Government utterly misclaims the idea of working in the interest of either one of the parties. The French Government desires, above all things, the opening of the blocked ports and the revival of trade. If this can be accomplished best and soonest by a reconstruction of the Union, they will favor that solution; if it can be best and soonest accomplished by separation, they will favor that. In either case, this Government will adopt such a conciliatory tone as not to wound the susceptibilities of the parties, and as not to appear in any way to be a friend seeking the common good of the parties to the transaction. This is the policy of the French Government in America, and as we see things at this moment in Europe, it would not be surprising if France did offer her separate mediation. The whole question, however, lies with the triumphant party at the New York elections. Certainly, the manner in which the war is conducted will not avert the offer of mediation.

There have been reports also, that the French Government had remonstrated with that of Eng-

land for refusing to join in the scheme of mediation in the United States, but this, I believe, gains but little credit in any circle.

The whole question may be summed up thus: That while the European States have no intention to force upon the people of America a cessation of hostilities, or a mediation, or intervention of any kind which implies hostility, France, at least, is desirous that no opportunity for a conciliation should be allowed to pass; and as France has a representative at Washington who believes such a period has arrived, his Government avails itself of the opportunity to try to accomplish the much desired object.

As regards the history of this mediation project, I understand that it was first seriously talked of between M. THOUVENIN and the Emperor at the time the Confederates were in Maryland, and when the first Democratic meeting was held in New-York to confirm Mr. SKYMOOR's nomination for Governor. The subsequent success of the Democratic Party in the Middle States, their probable success in New-York, and the supposed aid of McCLELLAN to *leave for the elections*, determined the French Government finally to act.

As is already known, Mr. SKIDDEL was received at St. Cloud the very day M. DROUOT DE L'HÉRAS wrote, or, at least, dated his armistice circular, and the most of the French journalists draw from this circumstance a conclusion which places the French Government in an attitude of hostility to the Union; but this visit, there are the best of reasons for believing, was a mere coincidence with the date of the circular, and had no connection with it. Under any circumstances, the armistice circular was decided on, and probably, also, written before the agent of the rebellion saw the Emperor.

The ablest writer of the *Débats*, M. PRÉVOST PARADOT, a writer who, although the chief editor of the paper, M. DE SACY, is now enjoying the hospitality of the Emperor at Compiègne, attacks the circular of M. DROUOT DE L'HÉRAS with the most damaging effect, believes that the French Government in hostile to the Union, and that this circular is an evidence of the fact. He draws attention to the circumstance that until the appearance of this circular all the secession papers took ground against the re-constitution of the Union, whereas now they all, as if by order, take the position that their Government should labor in aid of the re-constitution of the Union, as its first duty under the armistice. The word "separation," the writer of the *Débats* remarks, has been dropped simultaneously by these journals, and he calls this a trick which forebodes no good to the cause of the Union.

Another circumstance to be remarked in the columns of the secession Press is their sudden and simultaneous conversion to the greatness of Gen. McCLELLAN. A few weeks ago it was the PRINCE DE JOINTVILLE who was the eulogist of the late Commander of the Army of the Potomac; to-day it is the official *Moniteur* and its satellites. The other day the *Moniteur* devoted six columns to the position of the two armies, to Gen. McCLELLAN, the Democratic party, and his presumed relations to that party. But the Government papers are obliged to make out a good case for the armistice proposition, and the Democratic party have stepped in in a most charitable way to offer gratuitous evidence in aid of the cause.

From London and St. Petersburg we learn, in an authoritative way, that there is no danger of any meddling in American affairs; and if France should insist on offering alone an armistice, all the Government at Washington will have to do will be to reject it. The French Government does not think of trying to enforce its desire upon the American Government, and having gone as far as prudence requires in the matter, it will have placed itself right before the French people, which is the principal consideration for the present. The French Government is taking every opportunity at the present moment for assuring the Government of the United States of its friendly intentions and sentiments, and we have no authority for doubting the sincerity of these assurances.

MALAKOFF.

THE VACANT THRONE OF GREECE.

The Candidacy of Prince Alfred.

A telegram from Athens, of Nov. 26, asserts that the English Minister had consulted his Government with respect to the demonstration taking place in favor of Prince ALFRED. The English Government is stated to have replied that the Ambassador should in no way endeavor to influence the election. A dispatch dated Nov. 22 says:

"The great probability of the election of Prince ALFRED to the throne, has caused some excitement among the Foreign Ministers. The English Minister has declared that he will in no way influence the election to the throne, and that Greece is perfectly free to make her own choice. It is considered certain that Prince ALFRED will be elected. The refugees ZIMAS, MAROS and SMOLOS have arrived here, and received a brilliant ovation."

The elections to the National Assembly were to commence upon the 8th and terminate on the 10th of December.

Tranquillity prevails throughout the country.

La France in an article upon the attitude of England with respect to Greece, and on the proposal to elect Prince ALFRED to the throne that country, draws attention to the gravity of the situation, and to the fact that the Greek Government has common interests in the East which ought to unite and not divide them. It is evident that one of the Powers desired to obtain a preponderance to the prejudice of the others the equilibrium of their relations would be disturbed, and a shock be given to the principles on which their good understanding rests."

The Paris papers of Nov. 25 publish a telegram dated Athens, Nov. 21, asserting that orders had been sent to Corfu from London to make preparations in that island for the reception of Prince ALFRED.

The Times says: "Prince OSCAR, of Sweden, the brother of the present King of Sweden, may probably be chosen for the vacant Greek throne, but if a Swedish Prince is selected, the choice is more likely to fall upon the younger brother, Prince NICOLAS, Prince OSCAR being at present heir to the Swedish throne, the King having only a daughter, Prince OSCAR is 32 years of age, and his brother, Prince NICOLAS, 31."

The Times has been dispatched to Greece waters.

ABOLITION OF COMMERCIAL BLOCKADES.

Interesting Debate in the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce.

A special general meeting of the members of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce was held on the 25th inst. in the Exchange-rooms, for the purpose of considering the question of belligerent rights at sea and the abolition of commercial blockades. There was a large attendance of members—Mr. TEO, Chairman, occupied the chair.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, explained the action which the Council of the Chamber had taken on the subject to be discussed—namely, the forwarding to the Mayor of the Government memorial in favor of the maintenance of neutral property from capture at sea, and of the abolition of commercial blockades. Some members of the Chamber had expressed some difference of opinion as to the expediency of the course, which the Council had adopted upon these questions, and in order to ascertain the feeling of the whole body, the present meeting had been called to consider and determine the subject.

A letter was read from Mr. J. C. EWART, one of the members for the borough, from which the following is an extract:

forward, that I have little to say in addition. Why England, which is more deeply interested than any other nation in abolishing the belligerent rights, can continue the old policy is now pursuing, I never could understand. However, sound a policy it might have been in former times, it is now very different, since the Declaration of Paris, in 1864, and it cannot be maintained. I am afraid the feeling of the House of Commons is at present against us; but the motion of my honorable colleague (Mr. HOSKINS) did great good by revivifying the subject, and the late report of the Committee of the House of Commons, I trust, have the effect of inducing the public to consider the question more fully. It will, no doubt, be again brought forward on the same subject, and I need scarcely say it shall continue to have my support."

Some conversation, it was agreed to defer the discussion of the subject of belligerent rights at sea until that of the abolition of commercial blockades was considered.

Mr. JAMES SPENCE proposed a motion to the effect that the Chamber approved the resolution of the Council of the 10th inst., agreeing to memorialize Her Majesty's Government for the abolition of commercial blockades. He went on to say that the principle would weaken the maritime power of England. He instanced the case of Russia, which, during the late war, had been obliged to close her ports to the continental railways; and since the establishment of railways throughout the Continent of Europe, her maritime power would be weakened. The question was, therefore, narrowed to the American Continent, and he urged that in the case of an American war, the great interest of the British Empire would be the blockade of the Confederate States, and the most of the French journalists draw from this circumstance a conclusion which places the French Government in an attitude of hostility to the Union; but this visit, there are the best of reasons for believing, was a mere coincidence with the date of the circular, and had no connection with it. Under any circumstances, the armistice circular was decided on, and probably, also, written before the agent of the rebellion saw the Emperor.

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Announcements for this evening.

LAURA KENNE'S THEATRE—Blondette; or, The Navy Prince and the Pirate Princess.
WALLACE'S—The Plough.
NIBLO'S GARDEN—Gladiators.
BARNUM'S MUSEUM—The Drama, COLLIER BAWK, this afternoon and evening. Daisies' Performing Bears, Giant Girl, &c., at all hours.
GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—Fidelio.
ARTISTS' FUND SOCIETY EXHIBITION—No. 635 Broadway.
GOUPIL'S GALLERY—George's Niagara.
AULD LANG SYNE—Group of Statuary, corner 4th and Broadway.
WINTER GARDEN—Born to Good Luck.
HOPE CHAPEL—No. 720 Broadway—Tizell's Calliope.
NIBLO'S SALOON—Cody's Lectures.
LEAVING HALL—CHILD PLAYERS.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We have the intelligence from the Army of the Potomac, this morning, in a brief telegram from our special correspondent with Gen. Hooker's Grand Division, that the rebels continue active work on their fortifications, though this is regarded as a ruse to conceal their movement toward Richmond.

We learn from Nashville that on Tuesday a couple of sharp fights took place between one of our foraging parties and a force of rebel cavalry, in which the latter were decidedly worsted, with severe loss.

Mr. BURGESS, Deputy United States Marshal for Cabell County, Western Virginia, who arrived in Wheeling on Monday, reports that the rebel Col. CLARKSON, with a large force of cavalry, has been scouring Cabell County and the country between the Big Sandy and Kanawha Rivers for several days, capturing prisoners and driving off cattle, horses and hogs. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week he was in Cabell County, and approached within twelve miles of Guyandotte. He captured about forty Union men and took them away with him, beside a large number of horses, hogs and cattle. CLARKSON came down through Tezwell and Logan Counties and returned by the same route. Col. ZIEGLER is at Ceredo, with the Fifth Virginia, but he is kept pretty busy fighting the guerrilla Capt. WICKER, commonly known as "Clawhammer," whose hand infests Wayne County.

One hundred and seven prisoners, members of JENKINS' band of guerrillas, who were captured near Lewisburg by Col. PATTON, of the Second Virginia Cavalry, arrived at Wheeling on Monday. A few days ago Col. BATES, in command at Bowling Green, Ky., sent a considerable force of cavalry, infantry and artillery in pursuit of the notorious WOODWARD, who has been annoying and oppressing the loyal people of some of the southern counties. WOODWARD, however, got wind of the movement, and, true to his nature, made a precipitate flight. He was pursued to Clarksville and beyond the Cumberland toward Charlotte, Dixon County, Tenn.

Mr. ROBERT CARTER arrived in Cincinnati on Sunday, direct from Greenville, Tenn. He reports very few troops in Upper East Tennessee. All the available force in that section of the country had been ordered to Tullahoma and Murfreesboro. An order had been issued for all the cavalry in East Tennessee to report at Knoxville to be disbanded. There were some three hundred cavalry in Hancock and Hawkins Counties, who gave out that they were going to Big Creek Gap to occupy it; but Mr. CARTER thinks they were going to Knoxville to be disbanded, in pursuance to the order to that effect. There were some four hundred troops at Greenville, but they were under orders for Tullahoma. There are some two regiments at Kingston, Roane County, and a heavy force at Chattanooga. The rebel newspapers say that their grand stand is to be made at Tullahoma, and that only a small force has been thrown out at Murfreesboro as a feint, and a check to the National forces. Mr. CARTER also says that the inhabitants of East Tennessee are not responding very readily to the Conscript law, and that the Confederacy have just at this time too much business on their hands to enforce it. That thousands of Union men are scouting in the mountains, determined to suffer any hardships of exposure, even unto death, before they will be forced into the secession ranks.

Mr. J. WESLEY GREENE communicates to the Chicago Times, accompanied by an affidavit as to its correctness, what purports to be a report of an interview between himself and JEFF DAVIS, in which he was made the bearer of peace propositions to President LINCOLN. A dispatch from Washington, however, denounces Mr. J. WESLEY GREENE as an impostor.

According to the statements of Gov. BECKINGHAM'S Message to the Connecticut Legislature, the draft has proved a great failure in that State. Of the 1,212 men drafted in the different towns, only 76 principals and 112 substitutes have been mustered into the service of the United States. Of the remainder, 51 deserted after reporting at camp, 623 have been exempted by sickness and selectmen, 166 were unaccounted for on the 12th inst., 10 had previously volunteered, and 14 were not subjects of military duty.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday, a bill to establish an arsenal and ordnance depot on the tide-waters of New-York Harbor, was reported from the Military Committee. A joint resolution offered by Mr. RICE, of Minnesota, for the lands and annuities of the Sioux Indians, and providing for their removal, was referred. The Military Committee was directed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for the pay and emoluments of officers of the army during the time they are absent, excepting upon sick leave.

The Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War was requested to make a report with all convenient speed. The bill for the relief of the owners of the French ship *Julie et Marie* was passed. The resolution increasing the bonds of the Superintendent of Public Printing was passed. The House bill providing for the discharge of State prisoners, etc., was ordered to be printed, and postponed until to-day. Mr. HENDERSON, of Missouri, gave notice of a bill to aid that State in emancipating her slaves. The resolution regarding the arrest of certain citizens of Delaware was postponed until to-day, and the Senate adjourned.

In the House, the Secretary of War was directed to furnish information in detail regarding the officers of the army—their whereabouts, duties, etc. The Military Committee was instructed to inquire into the propriety of amending the law that Quartermasters and Commissaries may be selected from the Volunteer Army, or from civil life. After some further business, the House resumed consideration of the Senate bill to admit Western Virginia as a State, and it was passed after some further debate, 98 to 55. The House then adjourned.

GENERAL NEWS.

By the *North American*, at Portland, and the *Herald*, at this port, we are advised that the items of European news, though nothing later than has been already published. The Paris *Constitutionnel* denies that a second note relative to mediation has been sent by DUBOIS DE LAURE to Lord RUSSELL. The Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution declaring that it is not expedient to memorialize the Government to abandon the right to blockade, or diminish its efficiency. Experiments in the cultivation of cotton in the Barbary States had been successful, and the Moorish Government had ordered a large quantity of seed. The elevation of Prince ALFRED of England, to the throne of Greece, attracted the most serious attention by the Diplomatic. Prince OSCAR, of Sweden, is also spoken of for King.

We have received, by way of Havana, still later news from Mexico. The City of Puebla is now being besieged by eight thousand Mexicans, determined to make a desperate resistance. MARQUEZ, the Reactionary Chief, at the head of 3,000 men, is reported to have taken possession of Chalchula, in the name of the French. COMFORT and DONALD had come to an understanding with each other as against JARRO, but what they propose to do to put him down does not appear. The Government had issued an order to the landowners about Jalapa, to leave nothing which might be of service to the French, and the penalty of death had been declared against all who should hold any communication with the enemy or the Mexicans in their service. Great misery is said to exist throughout the country.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Comptroller reported unexpended balances of several appropriations to the amount of \$97,978 91, including \$11,350 left of the General Fund, as available for transfer to various unexpended appropriations. In different sums, the largest being \$55,000 for "City contingencies." Mr. FROST, noticing the communication, did not say that the balances were not wanted for the original purposes, and the paper was given to some routine business was then transacted, followed by recess until 4 o'clock. On re-assembling, the Finance Committee reported that the proposed changes of balances of appropriations recommended by the Comptroller were necessary to carry on the business of the City Government. The recommendations were forthwith approved. Various minor matters next occupied the attention of the Board for awhile, till an adjournment was made to 5 o'clock P. M. to-day.

The Board of Councilmen met by special call at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the members dealing to pass upon some of the mass of routine papers that awaited their action, as to the calendar as soon as possible. To do this it is probable that their meetings will be frequent till Christmas. The Comptroller reported the balance in the City Treasury on last Saturday to have been \$2,320,700. A resolution to increase the salary of the Deputy Street Commissioner to \$6,000, was presented and laid over. A bill of the Staten Island Railroad Company, amounting to \$300, for transporting Col. ALLEN'S Regiment to New-York and back, from their encampment, on the occasion of their departure for the front, was introduced and referred. The separate resolutions to procure a portrait each of Gen. McCLELLAN and THOMAS JEFFERSON, were also referred. The Fractional Currency ordinance, as amended by the Aldermen, was received and laid over. The Board adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The Aldermen, as City canvassers, held their sixth meeting yesterday. Mr. ALLEN completed the canvass of the returns from his District, and, by request of the Board, read Mr. DAVENPORT'S returns—the Sergeant-at-Arms reporting that Mr. DAVENPORT was sick a-bed. The returns were missing in two of the Election Districts—the Fourth and Tenth of the Sixteenth Ward. The District Canvassers are to be required, to explain the omissions. The Board adjourned to meet at 12 o'clock to-day. (By Mr. GENT'S request, recess until 1 o'clock to-day.)

The project of dividing Texas into four States, with eight Senators to represent them in Congress, is under consideration, with a good prospect that the measure will be finally resolved upon.

An order from Gen. ROGERANS, dated Nashville, Nov. 24, reads thus: "By virtue of the authority vested in the commanding general, Capt. HENRY L. McALLA, Company G, Thirty-first Indiana Volunteers, is, for abandoning his command in hearing of the cannonading of the enemy, dishonorably discharged the service of the United States. His immediate commander will see that this order is carried into effect, and directed in General Orders No. 9, from Headquarters Fourteenth Army Corps."

A fairfax correspondent of the Washington *Republican* assures the public that WASHINGTON'S late will and testament is not in the British Museum, as alleged, but safe somewhere in Clipperton, having been deposited there for safe-keeping by the late ALFRED MOSS, Consul-General at Fairfax County. The Washington *Star* vouches for Mr. MOSS' high personal character, and expresses a doubt whether he could prove so false to his trust as to dispose of this will in the way stated.

We are informed that the powder and arms which were at Arlington, Va., since the rebels have been collecting at House's Point, were not designed for the use of the rebels, as might have been inferred. They were destined for Mexico, and were cleared from the Custom-house in this City regularly and openly, and were shipped by the owners in their own name. All the business connected with the transaction was performed without any attempt whatever at concealment. Mr. HAYDOCK denies that he had any connection with the goods in question as agent.

A commission merchant of St. Louis, on Saturday last, shipped 520 bales of cotton for Pittsburgh, whence it will go by railroad to Eastern markets. This cargo is worth, at present prices, a quarter of a million dollars. A shipment of equal value has never been carried away from St. Louis before by one boat.

Mr. CHARLES BRACE, of Penn. Yan, is said to have invented a method of reducing flax to the manufacture of paper. It consists in cutting the flax-straw into short pieces, usually about an inch in length, and subjecting it, thus prepared, to the operation of grinding, by means of prepared rollers which traverse a revolving bed, the effect of which is to completely pulverize the woody part of the stalk and separate it from the fibre, or linn, which is left in a condition ready for bleaching and grinding into pulp. A peculiarly, which insures the success of the process, is, that no rubbing is required, as the flax can be worked in a condition in which it is left when threshed for the seed. This is no experiment, as Mr. BRACE

has a machine now in operation which is producing flax from flax of this year's growth at a cost, he states, of five cents per pound.

W. H. HOBSON, proprietor of the Westchester (Penn.) *Jeffersonian*, a paper which was suppressed some time since on account of its treasonable utterances, has brought an action against United States Marshal MIAW, who seized the property of the establishment. He lays the damages at \$20,000.

The Troy University has at last passed into the hands of Rev. Father HAVEMAN, the deeds having been signed on Saturday last, and the first installment (\$30,000) paid. It will hereafter be known as the Provincial Theological Seminary, under the recognition of Archbishop HUGUES. The University was sold for \$60,000. Its original cost was over \$126,000.

The Metropolitan Police cases against Mayor WOOD (four in number) were reached at the Circuit of the Supreme Court yesterday, but were not proceeded with on account of the difficulty of obtaining a jury. An extra panel of one hundred additional jurors was ordered, and the case is expected to proceed to-day.

The market for Stocks left off fair yesterday, while there was less excitement in Gold and Exchange than on Tuesday. The New-York Road Stocks were strengthened by the increased dividend made by the Central management.

Flour and Wheat were less active yesterday, at generally unaltered prices. Corn and Cotton were in more request and were dearer. A moderate business was reported in Provisions, Hops, Whisky, Tallow, Leather, Oils, Fish and Coal. Metals, Groceries and Naval Stores were quiet. The Freight market was inactive, with 524 vessels of all classes in port.

Military Marauding—The Evil and the Remedy.

A private letter to us from a high-minded officer in one of the Southwestern armies has this statement: "If I should tell you the state of demoralization of many of our old regiments in the Valley of the Mississippi, you would not believe it. They have no respect for man or woman, and are guilty of offences that, if committed at home, would send them to the penitentiary for life." Similar representations are made in so many other quarters that it is no longer possible to doubt that portions of our army have become greatly demoralized.

It is not a pleasant fact, but it is criminal to shut our eyes to it. Every loyal organ of opinion in the land should raise its voice against it, and demand its correction.

The wrong is a blinding shame to the cause. Who cannot remember the mingled amazement, indignation and disgust excited by BRAUNSGARD'S proclamation to the Virginians before Bull Run? He dared to say of our army: "All rules of civilized warfare are abandoned, and they proclaim by their acts, if not on their banners, that their war is Beauty and Booty." It was a pitch of audacious falsehood that we could account for only by his desperation. We repelled it as the most infamous of libels. It was so. With respect to the conduct of several regiments now in the service, it is so no longer. So far as has depended upon them, BRAUNSGARD is purged of his calumny. The blot he in vain tried to affix upon our sacred cause they have established. The purest cause that ever summoned to battle has, in the conduct of thousands of so-called defenders, been foully dishonored.

The wrong is a prodigious hindrance to the revival of Union feeling. The war has been prosecuted with the expectation that when their leaders were broken down and crushed out by force, the Southern people, henchmen by experience, would again turn to the old flag. All hope of this must disappear if, by the practical conduct of our armies, we show that it is not a love of the Union, a genuine nationality of feeling, that constrains us to strike these blows, but the thirst for plunder and the lust of domination. Nothing can be conceived better calculated, than such misconduct of our soldiers, to nerve the Southern people to additional desperation against submission, and to leave stings after submission which will rankle for generations.

The wrong is a great detriment to discipline. It superinduces a general laxity and license utterly incompatible with those habits of subordination, without which there can be no good soldiery. This is peculiarly fatal to the American soldier. He is by birth and education incapable of that passive, machine-like compliance, which comes so natural to the European, who has been habituated to strong rule from the cradle. His obedience, if it is what it ought to be, springs quite as much from a moral force within, as from military constraint without. Everything, therefore, which breaks down the moral force impairs his military worth. No marauder—least of all an American—one can make a good soldier.

Lastly, this wrong entails a terrible evil upon Northern society. This general license must engender habits upon the young men of the army which will cling to thousands of them after their military life is ended, and put them directly on the road to the penitentiary. It is the most dangerous thing in the world to disregard, for even the shortest time, on any cause, the distinction between *meum* and *tuum*. Its whole tendency is to dull and obscure all sense of such distinction, and to make a man a despoiler without reference to cause. From plundering a rebel to plundering anybody else, would be but a step; and it would cost hardly one to scruple to rob in peace than to rob in war. Is the army thus to be made a school for felons, or a hot-bed for the growth of disorder, violence and spoliation? Heaven forbid.

But who is responsible for this danger?

First—The high officers in our armies. Military law, when rightly enforced, never fails to secure right conduct. It is the duty of commanders to enforce that law at all costs. Death itself would not be an unjustifiable penalty for these offences, if nothing milder will stop them. When the exasperated populace of Paris, in the February revolution, hurst into the royal palace, they chalked upon the wall, *Mort aux voleurs*—Death to thieves—and persons taken in the act of secreting valuables were actually shot upon the spot. Have not our loyal people quite as good right to be jealous of the honor of their cause? And if the stern remedy was found effective there in the very rush of frenzy, why should it not tell in the cool management of military life? We saw the

effect of the timely severity of Gen. BUTLER, in causing to be shot the three soldiers guilty of pillage. From that time the crime in his jurisdiction ceased to exist; and probably in no period during this last generation, has there been such security for life and property in New-Orleans as since that stern visitation of military law. If nothing lighter will deter, we say, then, that death itself should be the penalty of these misdeeds. Military law arms our commanders with that power, and all power, for the suppression of these violations of it; and those of them who do not effectually use the power are guilty before earth and heaven.

Second—The Government at Washington is responsible. It instigates plunder. Do you ask how? We say by withholding from the soldier his just dues, the effect of which is to deprive him of many of the necessities and comforts of life, unless he seizes them by force from the neighborhood where he happens to be. The Government disables him from paying; therefore he robs. This keeping in arrears to the soldier for months does him a flagrant personal wrong. He engaged to the Government to do military service for thirteen dollars a month. This contract is mutual, and equally obligatory on both sides. It is as much the duty of the Government to pay the soldier punctually, as it is of the soldier to serve the Government faithfully. The failure of the Government to do this is a disgrace to it. Don't say it has not the money. It has; or the late Report of the Secretary of the Treasury is false. The difficulty is not there. At no time since the war commenced has the Government been unable to obtain whatever funds it needed. The trouble lies in the lack of proper administrative energy. This must be cured. The officials to whom this business of paying the soldiers belongs, do not promptly perform their duty, and the sooner they are pitched from their places, and proper men put there, the better. The Government, in neglecting this, falls at a vital point.

To sum up, then, we say—this growing practice of military marauding must be stopped. It dishonors the loyal cause, hardens the rebellion, demoralizes the soldier, and breeds untold mischief to society. To stop it two things are necessary: justice to the soldier; justice from the soldier. We look to our Government for the one; to our Generals for the other.

Virginia, Old and New—State Rights and State Wrongs.

The admission of a new State into the Union is a very serious public event—something like admitting a grown-up stranger into a family. Will the new member be agreeable, is he honorable, will he pay his way, will he conform to household rules and customs—or will he be factious, cross, and a pauper? In the early and even recent days of this Republic, very little heed was paid to such questions. In fact they did not rise at all—but the country was so run mad for enlarging the Union, that such districts as Florida became States, and throughout their career were a heavy annual charge upon the National Treasury, though they furnished Congressmen and Cabinet Ministers to bully the Government and shape its policy in direct hostility to the interests of the great States that supported the Union.

The telegraph this morning announces that the House have passed the Senate bill of last session, admitting Western Virginia into the Union as a State. We anticipated the result, and have nothing now to say about the measure in its constitutional aspect. There was a strong objection urged to the creation of the new State, which, if raised at the right time, might have defeated the measure. The Constitution of the United States prohibits the erection of a new State "within the jurisdiction of any State, without the consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned." It is not contended that the consent of any part of Virginia, (the "Old Virginia" of the Union,) has been obtained to the erection of the new State, excepting the part directly interested—the counties of Western Virginia. These counties claim that the regular State Government of Virginia, of which JOHN LEXTER, the Governor, was the head, committed *felony* by rebellion against the Constitution and laws of the Union, and thereupon ceased to exist—that, in virtue of their inalienable right of self-government, at once took up the work of reorganizing the State Government, and did reorganize and restore it by the election of a new Governor and Legislature that were loyal to the Union. The fact that all the counties of the State in its original bounds did not participate in the action to restore the State Government is held to be their fault and not their misfortune; and on a well-grounded principle of public law they cannot take advantage of their own wrong. The new Government erected by the counties of Western Virginia in this *extra* manner called itself the Government of the Commonwealth of Virginia, (the style of the old State Government,) and in this name and character elected United States Senators in place of Mason and Hunter, "elected," and ordered the election of members of Congress by district to the Lower House. The Senators and Representatives thus chosen were recognized by Congress and admitted to their seats as representatives of the old Commonwealth of Virginia. The President and other Executive officers of the National Government also fully recognized the new organization in the West as the regular Government of the whole State of Virginia.

After this, it was clearly impossible for the National Government, to limit or even question the power of the Western State Government to act for the whole State, and the Legislature, chosen exclusively in and by the Western counties, solemnly gave their consent in the name of the whole State to the erection by the Western counties of the new State to be called Western Virginia. Having obtained this (their own) consent, as representatives of "Old Virginia," to the creation of the new State, the same body, with equal

facility, secured their own consent as representatives of the new or Western Virginia—and thus the requirement of the Constitution of the United States was complied with.

The right of the people of a State to organize a new State government in case their regularly organized government abdicates or is expelled for any cause, cannot be questioned. The entire merit, therefore, of the case of Western Virginia in its Constitutional aspects is involved in this question: Was the new Government set up by the counties of Western Virginia to take the place of the regular but rebellious State Government at Richmond, organized by such numbers of the population and with such manifestations of sympathy and support in the State at large as to entitle it to recognition as the veritable Government of the whole State? Whatever may be thought of this question now—and very few we think would at this time decide it favorably to the new State—it is confessedly too late to raise objection, because Congress and the President have already decided that the Government, as established in the West, was regular and competent to act for the whole State. The present action of Congress is but in consonance with its former policy toward the Northwestern counties of Virginia.

The admission of Western Virginia as a new and independent State must greatly impair the securities of the State of Virginia, now held to the extent of many millions of dollars, not only abroad but in the loyal States of the Union. The public debt of Virginia is, in round terms, \$45,000,000. When this debt was created, the counties of Western Virginia were represented in the State Government as parties to the policy that created the debt. The State bonds that were issued and sold were understood by their purchasers to rest upon the good faith of the whole State, and the property and territory of every part thereof. The counties of Western Virginia were not exempted, nor can they be released by any law, political or moral, from responsibility to pay their proportion of the public debt of Virginia. But the new State makes no recognition of the just rights of Virginia's creditors. Its Constitution is a practical repudiation of all obligations in the premises. And this repudiation is sought to be justified by the public men of Western Virginia in a very shallow bit of shuffling and sophistry, covered up in the proposition to have an account stated with the treasury of old Virginia, in which Western Virginia shall have credit for all taxes paid by the counties composing it into the State Treasury and be charged with its fair proportion of the expense of the State Government and the amount of public funds expended in the Western Counties for internal improvements. If the latter or debit side shall be in excess, the amount of such excess is the sum total that Western Virginia will contribute toward the payment of the just debts of Virginia.

But the counties of Western Virginia have received from the State very small appropriations for public improvements; and the offer of the new State to settle with public creditors on the basis of an adjustment of accounts between itself and the old State, is well understood by its people to involve the necessity of paying just nothing at all. The alleged unfairness of the expenditure of public funds in former times would be a proper and valid offset for the new State in balancing accounts with the rest of the old Commonwealth of Virginia; but to plead it against the public creditors who only knew the State as a unit, who trusted it on account of its great extent, its wealth and presumptive honor, and who were in no sense parties to the wrongs that Western Virginia may have suffered, is an act without the shadow of justification, and cannot well be distinguished from the most discreditable cases of repudiation in the history of Southern States.

NEW-YORK CITY SMALL NOTES.—The City Council have finally passed the ordinance providing for the issue of "change notes," to be used as currency for the fractional parts of a dollar. The amount authorized to be issued is \$3,000,000, and the denominations are to be 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents. The notes are to be expressed on their face that they are payable on demand, in current funds, when sums of \$5 are presented. They are to bear the signature of the Mayor and Comptroller, either written or printed. The Comptroller is directed to have the designs engraved and the notes printed; and they are then to be delivered to the City Chamberlain, who is to be charged with the amounts received, as he is charged with other City funds of which he is the custodian. Any persons desiring to procure the change notes for circulation are required to deposit with the Chamberlain current funds in sums of not less than \$5, whereupon the Chamberlain shall pay over to such persons an equal amount in said notes.

The operation of this ordinance on the financial interests of the City is simply this: that it enables the Corporation to exchange \$3,000,000 of its credit for \$3,000,000 of current funds. In other words it is a loan of that amount of money obtained by the City from the people without interest. But as one-half the amount of money received on deposit in exchange for the notes, is required to be kept on hand for the purpose of redeeming such of the notes as may be presented for redemption, the practical benefit of the loan is realized only to the extent of \$1,500,000. This half of the deposits may be invested in the temporary loans of the Corporation; and the interest on this investment, less the cost of putting out and redeeming the change notes, will be clear profit to the City, to which, of course, should be added the gains to the City Treasury arising from the accidental loss and destruction of notes in the process of circulation. The sum of such losses, in the case of New-York City notes, is likely to be large, from the fact that, from the high credit of the City and its being the centre of financial exchange in the country, these notes will obtain a wide circulation. They

will be as good as United States Treasury Notes in any part of the Union. It is probably a reasonable estimate that the City will realize over \$100,000 net profit annually from its small-note currency system. The prospect of profit is, however, no sufficient justification of the issue of shillabasters by State, City, or General Government. The fact of profit only comes in as a partial consolation for a necessary evil.

It is to be hoped the Comptroller will be able to command good engraving talent, and that he will use none but elastic and durable paper, so as to produce change notes superior in style and quality to any the Government or Corporations have yet afforded. The system of small note currency is adopted by the Council ostensibly and exclusively for the accommodation of the people in their daily business transactions. To furnish them with such vile-looking, ill-shaped and perishable trash as scores of Corporations are issuing, is to inflict on them at once a nuisance and a fraud, in direct conflict with the spirit and purpose of the ordinance. The City will make enough by the issue of the notes to justify liberality and honesty in their preparation.

The Duty on Paper.

From the *Troy Times*.

This public Press all over the country is waiting impatiently to give immortal honor and fame to that member of Congress who shall first move to take the tax off newspapers. Let him speak boldly, and be not afraid!

There is another tax much more important than this, and in which a great many people besides newspaper publishers are interested, which ought to come off first—and that is the tariff on imported paper. The import duty on foreign white paper is thirty per cent., which, under the present rate of exchange is prohibitory. And it is only in consequence of this duty that our own paper-makers are able to take advantage of a scarcity of rags, and by combining together to force prices up to their present enormous rate. But for the duty publishers could resort to the foreign market, and by introducing a new element of competition keep prices here within reasonable bounds. But under the existing tariff such printing paper as we use could not be imported and sold here for less than twenty-two cents a pound—our manufacturers, therefore, feel quite safe in fixing prices at or even above that figure.

This bears not only upon newspaper publishers, but upon book publishers, consumers of writing paper, and everybody who uses paper of any kind. The Government itself will suffer losses to the amount of hundreds of thousands of dollars in consequence of the present enormous price of paper of all kinds which they are compelled to use. The tariff on paper meantime yields the treasury no revenue, because it prohibits imports. It inflicts immense injury, therefore, upon the great mass of the reading community, while it does no good to anybody but the few paper-makers whom it aids in their exactions upon the public at large.

We hope Congress will give some attention to this matter as one of very great and pressing interest. There is no sound or substantial reason why they should not at once repeal the import duty on paper, and thus give all consumers the benefit of access to the foreign market. The tax upon newspapers we are willing to pay, though it is excessive and oppressive; but the foreign duty upon paper is a needless and useless exaction. We hope it may be repealed.

THE SUNDAY SCRIMMAGE AT EAST NEW-YORK.—We gave the details, yesterday, of the scandalous riot on Long Island, which resulted in the death of one volunteer, the wounding of another, and the burning of a hotel by the incensed soldiery. We revert to the occurrence with the view of calling attention to one of the palpable causes of this and like troubles in suburban camps.

It is a well-known fact that the Sunday has been made the parade day of these camps, before and since the general order of the President prohibiting needless Sunday doings in the army. Thousands of the friends of the soldiers, and of curious idlers, have flocked thither to see the evolutions, and—to drink lager. Dram-shops have sprung up in untold numbers, all around the camps. It was in one of these illegal dens that the quarrel arose which cost the soldier his life, and the keeper his building. A drunken Sunday brawl ended in a terrible Sunday riot.

Now, cannot a vigilant civil and military police clear out the horde who hang around our camps, to tempt our soldiers to drunkenness and rioting? Cannot our suburban camps be restrained from being made the holiday attraction on the Sabbath? Cannot some respect be paid to the order of the Commander-in-Chief of our armies, which forbids such acts and scenes as weekly occur on Long and Staten Islands? Is there not enough of the sacrifice of morals and of life after recruits reach the seat of war, so that they may be spared the systematic violation of orders and exposure of morals in camps of instruction—thus made camps of destruction?

THE BANKS EXPEDITION.—Those of our citizens who have been in grief over the probable sufferings of the soldiers in Gen. BANKS' expedition, owing to the severe storms and wintry weather that have prevailed since they put to sea, are at liberty now to dismiss their apprehensions. On the 5th inst., a fleet of eight steamers, supposed to belong to this expedition, were spoken off Matanzas, steaming South. It is probable, therefore, that the expeditionary corps had a very slight touch of the cold spell under which we are yet winching. The point may be considered fully settled that Gen. BANKS is not to operate in the James or York River against Richmond. He is probably bound to Wilmington in North Carolina, to Charleston in South Carolina, to Savannah in Georgia, or to some point in East or West Florida, or to Mobile in Alabama, or to Galveston in Texas, or—if the eager reader is not suited with either of these places—he can suit himself by choosing, but not betting upon, some

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

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OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

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GEN. McCLELLAN AND THE McDOWELL INQUIRY.

The McDowell Court of Inquiry to-day terminated its session, while a question asked Gen. McClellan was pending, as to the amount of force which would have remained for the defense of Washington, in case Gen. McDowell had been sent, according to request, to reinforce Gen. McClellan on the Peninsula.

This question Gen. McClellan declined to answer, irrelevant, and on his objections being overruled by the Court, asked time to prepare his answer, which the Court granted, and adjourned. A good deal of sensation was caused by Gen. McClellan's hesitation to answer this question, accompanied, as it was, by considerable embarrassment of manner. There seems to be little doubt that Gen. McDowell's advance southward would have left Washington an easy prey to Jackson, and Gen. McClellan is understood as not promising to answer the question to-morrow. The tendency of Gen. McClellan's evidence thus far is to exonerate Gen. McDowell from censure.

THE ADMISSION OF WESTERN VIRGINIA.

The passage by the House to-day of the Senate bill admitting Western Virginia as a new State, by a majority so decisive, has given great satisfaction to the determined enemies of the rebellion. Loyal Border State men at last feel that fidelity to the Union is likely to be rewarded, and that the wishes, interests and services of true men are likely to meet with more consideration than those of traitors.

THE SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

The Senate to-day adjourned after a brief session, during which was passed the bill providing for the payment of damages to the French brig *Jules et Marie*, as recommended by the President. Mr. Sumner gave notice of a new Standing Committee on Agriculture.

DINNER TO GEN. McCLELLAN.

A military dinner was given to Gen. McClellan to-day at Willard's, by Gen. Van Allen, as a social compliment.

THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

It is now understood that Secretary Smith will resign his portfolio about the 1st of January next, and that, if confirmed in Indiana, it will be given to Judge Wayne. The friends of Judge Holt, however, are very anxious that he will distance all competitors in that race.

KANSAS AND MISSOURI IMPROBITY.

Late advices from Kansas give accounts of the street of Col. Adams and Lieut. Col. Hays, of the Twelfth Regiment Kansas Volunteers, in Western Missouri, by Brig-Gen. Vanoxan, of the Missouri State Guard. Col. Adams had a successful expedition into Missouri against the guerrillas, capturing about a hundred wagons and fifty negroes; and on being ordered by Gen. Vanoxan to surrender the negroes and property and leave the State, expressed a willingness to comply with all the demands except the surrender of the negroes, which he refused.

Vanoxan, having a force of a thousand men, with artillery, and Adams only two hundred and fifty, the latter had no choice but compliance, and has been sent to St. Louis for trial on the 15th inst.

SLANDERS UPON THE GOVERNMENT.

Various paragraphs, from time to time, appear in the Washington column of a journal which has lately taken service with the Opposition, after the Swiss mercenary fashion, evidently prepared with a view to excite popular prejudice against the President-Marshal of the War Department, and incense the public with his administration of his duties. The latest of these appeared on Saturday, professing to give supplementary facts in regard to the case of certain delinquents in clothing in this City, who were arrested, imprisoned, examined, convicted and partially punished for aiding soldiers to desert and escape from the service of the United States; and so generally untrue are the statements in that paragraph, that a recital of circumstances seems necessary.

The assertion made is that five of these parties, after their release, called upon Judge Advocate Tauxem and made affidavit that they were compelled to pay the examining Justice large sums of money for their release, and charging collusion and swindling; and that Judge Tauxem promised to look into the matter, and if their representations were true, to punish the parties accused, "including Col. Baxa himself."

The facts are, that the "citizens" in question—there is a fine effect in the use of the word citizens in this connection—were tried regularly before Police Justice Waxman for a violation of the law, convicted, fined \$50 each and released. The clothing they had sold the supposed soldiers was retained at the office of Col. Baxa at the time of their arrest, as well as the money paid for it, and their watches and chains; and on a demand being made by one of them for the return of this property, that officer addressed to Justice Waxman an inquiry as to the provisions of the law, and received in reply the following note:

CHAS. WALTER, J. P.

In accordance with this answer and the law, Col. Baxa confiscated the clothing and returned the watches and chains to their owners. Subsequently, one of the parties called on Judge Advocate Tauxem with a lawyer, and made complaint; but no affidavit or written statement was presented nor talked of, and no such language used by the Judge as is stated in the paragraph in question. On the contrary, the parties, in the interview, admitted the offence for which they had been punished, and Judge Tauxem then refused to have anything more to say in the matter until all the facts should be regularly presented.

The record of Col. Baxa would seem to be unimpeachable in his career, and these assaults are already reacting in his favor. Certainly, were not their evident object to embarrass the legitimate and necessary action of the Government, they would be unworthy of notice; as it is, the exposure of partly real character becomes a publicity.

DISMISSAL FROM THE SERVICE.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON.

Dec. 4, 1863.

General Orders, No. 199.—Col. John H. Baxa, Jr., Seventeenth Kentucky Volunteers, having been ordered, dated Oct. 27, 1863, to his regiment, which order is in violation of the additional Article of War approved March 13, 1863, in or direction of the President, hereby dismissed the service of the United States.

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A responsible correspondent hands us the following in regard to the finances of the Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien Road—formerly Milwaukee and Mississippi:

"The business of the year of the Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien Road will result about as follows:

Gross earnings.....	\$1,178,000
Expenses (60 Percent).....	702,000
Net.....	\$488,000
Int. upon about \$2,400,000 bonds.....	\$165,000
Div. upon \$1,000,000 1st Pref. Stock.....	80,000
Div. upon \$1,000,000 2d Pref. Stock.....	70,000
	215,000

Remaining equal to a dividend of 7 per cent.
upon all the Common Stock issued, (viz.: } \$150,000
\$2,100,000.....

It is not disputed that there will be in hand, in cash on the 1st of January, over \$100,000—enough to divide among the common Stockholders at least 5 per cent. and yet it is intimated that the money will not be so divided, but applied to buy in some of the bonds of preferred stock of the Company. Now, as the first preferred stock and the bonds are at a premium

about 4 per cent., and as the large amount of bonds re-
turned last year (over \$100,000) will be adequate to
satisfy the sinking fund for a year to come, the pur-
chase must be in Second Preferred Stock. The
question arises as to the object in depriving the stock
holders of the income which is due them, and dis-
posing of the money for the particular benefit of the
holders or speculators in the Second Preferred Stock.
The Company owes no floating debt, and no ear-
ly maturing obligations, and has no investments

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the New-York Central Railroad Company yesterday, at Albany, the following resolution, offered by Mr. CHARLES H. RUSSELL, and seconded by V. L. PRYCE, was referred to the Executive Committee, with power to act under it:

Resolved, That this Company will cheerfully co-operate in the benevolent movement, now making its headquarters in the City of New-York and elsewhere, for furnishing relief to the starving operatives of England, and will transport over its railroad, free of charge therefor, all donations of food which may be deposited at any of their stations, destined for this object, and address them to the International Relief Association of New-York.

The Stock Brokers and Jobbers in daily attendance in the City of New-York.

The Brooklyn Fire Insurance have declared a semi-annual dividend of ten & cent. free of Government tax, payable Jan. 2.

The statement of the Banks of the three principal cities of the Union for the last week compared with the previous one, and the corresponding time of 1861, as follows :

	Loans.	Deposits.	Specie.	Circulation.
New York, Dec. 6, 1871, at 867	153,651,777	87,651,848	\$8,974,000	
Boston, Dec. 8, 1871, at 867	33,783,161	6,032,949	823,774	
Philadelphia, Dec. 10, 1871, at 867	10,000,000	2,000,000	200,000	

Total	8284,256,379	8214,884,784	851,082,675	879,671,0
Last week	805,479,880	818,323,909	51,377,256	91,674,1

The day's business at the office of the A

stant Treasurer of the United States, was
follows: Receipts, \$4,161,167 09, including \$101,
000 for Customs; Payments, \$4,341,684 69; Bal-
ance, \$11,759,159 46.

GENERAL MARKETS.

New-York, Thursday, Dec. 11, 1862—6 P. M.
The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce
since our last, have been—19 hhds. Ashes, 11,178 bbls.

ASHES—Have been in demand, at \$8 50 for Potash and \$8 50a97 15 for Pearls, @ 100 lbs.

COTTON—Is in moderate request and is firm. @ 67c. for Middling, &c.

FLOUR AND MEAL—A fair demand prevails to-day, for State and Western Flour at uniform prices. The reported sales since our last comprise 17,400 lbs., including Superfine State at \$5 85a5 90, and poor to choice extra State at \$6 10a\$6 40, chiefly

at \$0 10 \$2 20	Superfine Western, inferior to choice	at \$0 10 \$2 20
at \$5 25 \$6 25	extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wis-	at \$5 25 \$6 25
consin, &c., at \$0 15 \$6 25	25; round noon extra Ohio	at \$0 15 \$6 25
shipping drafts, at \$0 50 \$2 50	90 1/2 bbl.	at \$0 50 \$2 50
Superfine State	at \$0 50 \$2 50	\$5 25 \$6 00
Extra State	at \$0 50 \$2 50	6 10 6 40
Superfine Western	at \$0 50 \$2 50	5 53 6 00
Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	at \$0 50 \$2 50	6 13 6 25
Extra Ohio, round noon, shipping drafts	at \$0 50 \$2 50	6 28 6 40
Extra Ohio, trade drafts	at \$0 50 \$2 50	6 25 6 40
Extra Genesee	at \$0 50 \$2 50	6 45 6 50
Inferior to Choice Extra Missouri	at \$0 50 \$2 50	6 50 10 00
Southern Flour in moderate demand, at former rates		

sales 1,900 bbls., at \$6 75¢67¢50 for poor to good superfine Baltimore, &c.; \$7 10¢45 75 for fancy u.s. choice brands, and \$8 75¢10 for very superior family brands. Y. whl. Canadian Flour is moderately active at sales 1,100 bbls. Extra, at \$20 20¢25 25 y. whl. Ryer Flour continues in request, at \$4 25¢5 75 for fine and superfine Y. whl. Corn Meal is in lively demand, at \$3 7 5¢3 35 for Jersey; \$4 25 for Marsh's Caloric, and \$3 75 for 25 for Brandywine. Y. whl. Buckwheat Flour is saleable at \$3 88 40 y. whl. 100 lbs.

GRAIN—Wheat has been in felt demand, and prices of desirable lots have been quoted

ready. Sales since our last, of 104,640 bushels, including White Western, at \$1.53; \$1.13; Amber Western, at \$1.41; Red Western, at \$1.13; Winter Western, at \$1.40; 45 Amber Lowa, at \$1.40; 45 White Western, at \$1.35; 25; Milwaukee Club, at \$1.25; 35 Chicago Spring at \$1.23; \$1.30; 70 bushel. Corn is active and buoyant. Sales since our last, 270,000 bushels, at 76c; 75c; 75c for shipping Mixed Western; 71c; 75c. for Eastern Mixed do.; 65c; 70c. for unshod; 80c. for Yellow Western, 85c. for White Western; 80c. for New White Southern, and 87c. for old do. 70 bushel. Rye is inquired for, at 83c; 29c., according to quality.

HAY—North River is in good request, at 70c. to 85c. per ton.

HOPS—New Crop are salable and firm, at from 17c. to 25c. per lb.

LEATHER—About 15,000 sides of Sole were sold at auction to-day, at 27 1/2c. to 29c. for light, and 27 1/4c. to 28 1/2c. for heavy weights; 24 1/2c. to 25 1/2c. for good damaged, and 15 1/2c. to 17c. for very poor damaged.

PROVISIONS—Pork is in fair request at advanced prices. Sales, 2,500 bbls., at \$13 62½¢; 414 closing at \$14 for Mess., and \$11 50¢@11 75 for Prime, 7½ bbl. The Government contract for 10,200 bbls. Mess was awarded at \$14 35¢@15 25¢ all in from chimed hams. Cut Meats are in moderate demand, at 7c. 27½¢ for Ham, and 35¢ for 3½¢ Shoulders. 7½ b. Bacon is inquired for at 7c. 90¢. 7½¢, sales 300 boxes. Lard, heavy buyers, sales 1,050 tons and bbls. at 9½¢. 10¢. Beef continues in fair demand; sales, since on last, 300 bbls. at \$18 50¢@14 for Extra Mess., and \$12@13 25 for

Plain Mess., 30 bbl. Prime Mess., 10 @ \$22 1/2 there; Lard Mess., \$22 50 @ \$25 1/2 cts. Beef Hams, \$12 50 @ \$15 50 bbl. Butter is in good request at 16 1/2 @ 20 1/2 cts. for poor to choice Western, and 21 1/2 @ 22 cts. for common to choice State, 30 bbl. Cheese continues in moderate demand at 9c. at 2 1/2 c. cts.

SUGARS—Sales to date 574 hhds., including New Orleans at 10c. 210 cts., and Cuba at 10c. 25 cts. 100 cts. White Sugar, \$5,000 lbs. at 10c. 210 cts. 100 cts.

WHEAT—Sales, 500 bbls., in lots, at 35c. 40 cts. 100 cts. 100 cts.

FREIGHTS—Have been quiet but rates unaltered.

GRAIN—No. 1, 400 bbls. at 10c. 100 cts. 100 cts.

45. 100 bbls., 25,000 bushels Wheat, at 78d. per bushel, \$600 tons. Lard at 52s. 6d., and 10 hhs. Tobacco, at 37s. 9d. per ton. For London, 500 bbls. Flour, at 3s. 6d. per bbl.; 50 tons. Beef, at 12s. 6d. per cwt. For Glasgow, 2,500 bushels Wheat, at 1s. 7d. per bushel, at 90d. per bushel. For Belfast, a cargo of grain, at 90d. per 60 lbs. For Bristol, 10 tons of Clover Seed, at 25s. per ton. For Hamburg, by the steamer *Henrich*, 10 hhds. Tallow, at 55s. per ton.

Sales of Rent Estate—Dec. 11, 1862.
By Messrs. MILLER, WILKINS & CO.

House and lot north side 11th-st., 380 feet east of 2d-av.	31.47.
house 20x24, lot 20x140.10	\$20,054
House and lot south side 11th-st. 200 feet west of 2d-av.-house 20x40, lot 20x100.11	3.754

Announcements this Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—REHEARSAL.

WINTER GARDEN—SHARPE MAQUET—LATEST FROM NEW-YORK—PARADE DOLPHIN.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—BLONDETTE; OR, THE NAUGHTY PRINCE AND THE PARTISAN.

WALLACK'S—CENTRAL PARK.

HILL'S GARDEN—THE BROTHERS OF BOGOTA.

HARVARD'S MUSEUM—The Drama, COLLEGE BAY, this afternoon and evening. Deissman's Performing Bears, Giant Girl, &c., at all hours.

GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—OSCAR AND CAROLINE.

ARTISTS' FUND SOCIETY EXHIBITION—No. 625 Broadway.

MOSE CHAPLIN—No. 720 Broadway—TINKER'S CALL.

COOPER'S GALLERY—CHURCH'S NIAGARA.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The news from the Army of the Potomac is suddenly invested with the most startling interest.

Yesterday morning the movement for crossing the Rappahannock commenced, and last night the city of Fredericksburgh was in possession of our forces, with comparatively trifling loss. During Wednesday night pontoon bridges were got in readiness for throwing across the river, and at 5 o'clock yesterday morning the construction of three of them commenced in front of the city.

When they were about half completed the enemy opened a murderous fire of musketry upon the engineers, and forced them to desist from their work. One hundred and forty-three pieces of our artillery then opened upon the city, and the fire was responded to by the rebels, but without much damage. The city was set on fire in several places by our shells. The attempt was then again made to finish the bridges, when the enemy's sharpshooters again opened, and compelled a retreat. Finally, volunteers to cross the river in small boats to dislodge the enemy were called for, and sprang out of the ranks by thousands. Only a hundred, however, were selected, who crossed the river in the most dashing style, drove out the sharpshooters at the point of the bayonet, and captured a large number of them, who were brought over the river and secured. The bridges were then completed, and the city was immediately occupied by our forces, the rebels being driven back to their defensive works. Meantime Gen. FRANKLIN was also engaged in the construction of bridges about three miles below the city, in which work he met with but little opposition. He did not cross, however, until he heard that the city was in our possession. The gunboats were also engaged in shelling the enemy about fifteen miles below, where they had collected in considerable force. Last night everything was reported quiet, with the prospect of a great battle to be fought to-day.

A correspondent of the Boston Journal states that FRANKLIN'S Division was under orders to make a rapid movement on Friday last, and to fall upon one of the flanks of the rebel army stretched along the Rappahannock. A storm of rain and snow came on, making the roads so nearly impassable, that instead of marching sixteen miles, as was intended, the division made but nine miles the first day, and the movement had to be abandoned.

A dispatch from Nashville, dated the 10th inst., leads us to expect a battle in that vicinity before long. The rebels under JOR. JOHNSON, BRAVO, CHEATHAM, FORREST and MORRAN, have advanced, and drove in the National pickets on the morning of the 10th at all points. A collision was expected near Hartsville, the scene of the recent disgrace, and reinforcements were being hurried toward that point. The guerrilla FORREST was said to hold Clarksville with considerable force.

A further dispatch from Gen. CURTIS to Gen. HALLOCK, regarding the recent battle of Fayetteville, proves it to have been one of the first magnitude, and that its results were even more disastrous to the enemy than at first reported. Their forces are now ascertained to have been 23,000 strong. Our loss in killed and wounded is estimated at one thousand, and that of the rebels over two thousand. They left many of their dead and most of their wounded on the field, and moved off in the night with muffled wheels. They are believed to have crossed the Arkansas River.

A dispatch from Cairo states that Gen. Hovey, who recently occupied Grenada, Miss., arrived with his Staff at Friar's Point, on the Mississippi, on Sunday morning. It was not known whether his entire command returned with him. A gunboat reconnaissance had been made up the Yazoo River, but the results are not made public.

The loyal Tennessee regiments which have been camped around Louisville for some time, received marching orders on Monday, and at once took their departure. Direction not stated.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger writes under date of Dec. 11: "The Banks and Porters Monroe expeditions were not for the James River, but is certain, but for a more southern field of operations. The expedition carried immense quantities of coal, and provisions for sixty days, which would imply that a Gulf port was the destination of the expedition. It is possible that Texas is the point in view, in furtherance of the project alluded to yesterday, of dividing it up into four States. A portion of the expedition was passed off Hatteras on Sunday last."

The pirate Alabama has again been heard from. She recently captured the ship Levi Starbuck, from New-Bedford, bound to the Pacific, in lat. 35° 30', long. 66°, and burnt her; also, the ship T. B. Wells, of Boston from Calcutta for Boston, with a full cargo of saltpetre and gunny cloth, which she also burnt. This capture was made in lat. 29° 30', long. 58°. The pirate then proceeded to Martinique, where she arrived on the 17th ult. Here she was blockaded by the United States steamer San Jacinto, but managed to escape during the night. The crews of the destroyed vessels arrived at this port yesterday on the schooner Alice.

We have advices from Newbern, N. C., to the 8th inst., which are interesting. The message of the rebel Gov. VANCE had been received. It contains no indications of Unionism, but, on the contrary, appeals for a stern and determined devotion to the rebel cause. He, however, reflects severely upon the rebel conscript law, and is rather disposed to grumble generally at the condition of affairs in the State and in the Confederacy. From the rebel journals it is learned that Gen. WHITING has been placed in command of a rebel force at Wilmington, which point is believed to be one of those aimed at by the expeditions fitting out by the National Government. Union and Free-labor meetings were being held in Newbern and Beaufort.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday, notice was given of a bill to facilitate the medical examination of invalid soldiers in the hospitals and convalescent camps. A message was received from the President recommending votes of thanks to Lieut. GEORGE W. MORRIS, for his defence of the Cumberland, and to Lieut. WORDEN, for his gallantry in the fight between the Monitor and the Merrimack. A communication was also received from the President regarding the Indian troubles in Minnesota, stating that he had ordered the execution of thirty-nine of the culprits. The resolution relating to the arbitrary arrests of certain citizens of Delaware, was then taken up, and debated until the adjournment.

In the House, a bill to adjust the appropriations heretofore made for the civil service of the Navy Department, so as to correspond with the recent reorganization of the Department, was passed. Mr. FENYON, of New-York, offered a resolution, directing the Secretary of the Navy to provide a convoy for any ship or ships loaded with corn, flour or other provisions intended for the starving poor of England. The House spent the rest of the session in Committee of the Whole, the debate being upon the rebellion, the Slavery question, and the President's Proclamation of Emancipation. Adjourned until Monday.

GENERAL NEWS.

The steamship Kangaroo, from Liverpool on the 24th ult., arrived at this port last night. Her advices are not so late as had already been received. The mails by the steamship Arabia reached this City from Boston last evening. The summary of the news was telegraphed from Halifax, and contained everything of importance.

The meeting in aid of the United States Sanitary Commission, held at the Academy of Music last evening, under the auspices of the Woman's Central Association of Relief, was largely attended and was a decided success. Mayor ORIN presided, and addressed the meeting. The Mayor and Rev. Drs. BELLINGS, ADAMS, and HIRSHCOCK. About twenty-five thousand dollars in bullion, the gift of the ladies of Nevada, and part of the contribution of \$400,000 made by California to the funds of the Commission, was exhibited on the stage.

The Board of Aldermen met at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The resolutions relating to the proposed purchase of the Fort Gansevoort property for a market site, came up, and met with opposition from Messrs. FROST and JERMAN. Messrs. CURRIE, BOWLE, WADSWORTH and FAWCETT spoke in favor of making the purchase. The two propositions embraced in the resolutions—to accept the offer of Mr. TAYLOR and directing the purchase to be made—were adopted separately by 11 to 1. The vote, in each instance, was on adoption, and on concurrence. Although the resolutions had come from the other Board, Mr. BOULLE desired to have them sent back to the Councilmen for concurrence in like manner—the Councilmen having passed all the resolutions in one vote. Mr. WADSWORTH and others thought this course unnecessary, so did the venerable Clerk, Mr. VALENTINE. Nevertheless, it was ordered to be taken. The Board concurred to give Col. COGGSWELL, of the Tenth Regiment, a sword, at a cost of \$500. Adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M. to-day.

The Board of Councilmen met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and referred a resolution to run a ferry-boat to Greenpoint from the City of Stuyvesant, East River, adopted the resolution fixing the salaries of the new Board of Revision and Collection of Assessments at \$1,000 each; concurred to donate \$50,000 toward building a new Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, received resolutions to purchase the Fort Gansevoort property for a second and separate passage of each—the Aldermen having chosen to adopt them in that manner, instead of concurring with this Board, who had passed both resolutions by one vote. Messrs. ORIN and ROSS claimed that the resolution in relation to the ferry-boat was accordingly laid over for two days. These points were conceded, and the paper was laid over. Adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The Board of Supervisors had an important session yesterday afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. A letter was received from Archbishop Hergenrother, thanking them for their resolutions complementing him for his action in Europe respecting the rebellion, and extending the use of their Chamber for a public reception. The latter offer was declined on the plea of ill health. Resolutions were adopted by 11 to 2, to take back into their own hands the work of building the new Court-house, and ordering the outstanding bills on account of the same to be sent in to them for auditing; also, to direct the Special Committee formerly in charge of the work to go on with it with dispatch. By this resolution in the management of the job it is supposed that the Board will be engaged in adjudicating upon all the entanglements that have been created about it in consequence of differences with the present Mayor, and also with Mayor WOOD, at whose instigation it was given over to the new City Hall Commissioners last year. The former justly ordered will enable the unpaid contractors who hold scrip issued by the Commissioners, to secure their money. The Board adjourned till 5 o'clock P. M. of next Tuesday.

The Aldermen and City Canvassers held their seventh meeting yesterday, when Mr. KENT appeared, and canvassed the returns from his District—the Seventeenth. The vote there was as follows: JACOB M. LONO, 1,358; JOHN McQUADE, 1,091; and WM. DUNNIN, 534. The missing returns from Mr. DAYTON'S District were presented, and found to be correct, and this finished the canvass for the election of the aldermen, tables, and making the declaration of results, is the only work remaining for the Board to do. They adjourned till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Confederate brig Olive Branch, from Galveston, Texas, for Belize and a market, recently landed 57 bales of cotton at Sisal, in Yucatan.

A case of some interest, touching usurious contracts, has just been decided at General Term of the Supreme Court, the Court holding that where a contract was made in Minnesota by a party residing there to pay a party residing in this State 24 per cent. per annum for the use of money, and to pay the same at the Addition Bank, in St. Paul, Minn., in this State, the decision of this State upholding the notes therefor as valid, and they will not be declared void and ordered canceled, in accordance with the statute against usury.

The Stock Market was firm at the close of business yesterday. Gold ruled 132½@132½, through 132½@132½, and 132½@132½, in fair demand. Exchange 146. Money 6 per cent.

A fair day's work was transacted in Flour yesterday.

day, at steady prices; and in wheat, at uniform rates for choice, and rather lower figures for common qualities. Corn was brisk and buoyant. Provisions were pretty freely purchased; Meal, Pork advanced materially. Groceries were in demand, as were also Oils, Metals and Naval Stores. Cotton was steady, but not active. Whiskey was heavy. Feathers exhibited a lively animation. Government contracts were awarded for 891 bags and 200,000 lbs. of roasted and ground Rio Coffee, at \$36 70@37 1½, and 200,000 lbs. green do. do., at \$30 78 @ 100 lbs.; 10,000 lbs. Mess Pork, in iron-chimbed barrels, at \$14 55@15 25 @ 55 lbs.; and 500,000 lbs. East India Rice, at \$7 50@8 25 @ 100 lbs.

The Currency—Gold and United States Notes.

A very general interest prevails as to the policy of the Government on the Currency. The increase in the price of nearly every thing which the great mass of the community have to buy is attributed in a very large degree, whether justly or not, to the inflation of the currency caused by the issue of United States notes, which are made a legal tender,—and the extent of this increase in prices, or what is the same thing, this depreciation in the Government currency, is tested by the premium on gold. At present it is measured by saying that gold is worth 132½ per cent., when judged by the standard of United States legal-tender notes. The universal hope is that this upward tendency in prices will be checked. Persons who rely upon salaries or fixed incomes, find the existing state of things especially burdensome, inasmuch as the money they receive is worth nearly one-third less than it was when specie was the standard of value. Naturally enough, therefore, the whole community is anxious to know whether the Government intends to increase the evil, by still further issues of paper money, or to check it by returning, as rapidly as the necessities of the Government will permit, to a specie basis.

The impression seems to be quite general that we are to have fresh issues of paper money, for the purpose of meeting pressing claims on the Government. We confess we cannot see upon what this opinion is based, unless it is upon the assumption that Congress is committed to that policy, or that the money required can be raised in no other way. This latter point remains to be tested. No attempt has yet been made to raise money in any other way. And until the effort has been made and has failed, it is scarcely fair to assume that Congress will act upon an emergency not known to exist. Certainly there is nothing in its action last Winter which should compel it to do so. The Executive Department of the Government has taken the opposite ground. Both the Message of Mr. LINCOLN and the Report of Mr. CHASE are as explicit on this point as words can well make them. The President advises "a return to specie payments at the earliest moment compatible with due regard to all interests," and places on record his opinion, that "fluctuations in the value of currency are always injurious, and to reduce these fluctuations to the lowest possible point will always be a leading purpose in wise legislation."

Mr. CHASE says that the issue of enough paper to meet his disbursements, which he estimates at \$276,912,517 66, beyond all his present calculation of receipts for the current fiscal year, would result in a vast diminution of exports, inflation of prices, increase of expenditures, augmentation of debt, and, ultimately, disastrous defeat of the very purposes sought to be attained by it. He recommends, therefore, no mere paper money scheme, but, on the contrary, a series of measures looking to a safe and gradual return to gold and silver, as the only permanent basis, standard and measure of value recognized by the Constitution—between which and an irredeemable paper currency, as he believes, the choice is now to be made."

Mr. CHASE states further, that "the chief reliance, and the safest, must be upon loans. Without any issues of United States notes beyond the amount now authorized, it seems certain that loans for the whole amount required for the current year can be readily obtained at fair rates; and it may be confidently hoped that before its close the resources of the country will be so well understood, and the restoration of its territorial integrity so well assured, that capitalists will not hesitate to supply whatever may be needed for the subsequent year."

Now, we have here a general declaration from the President, followed up with fullness and precision by the Secretary of the Treasury, that they at all events do not desire to expand the paper currency beyond what is now authorized. They look forward with strong desire, and point out the way, to a resumption of specie payment as soon as possible. They confess that the use of paper money to such an extent as to put gold at a premium is only defensible on the plea of absolute necessity; and the Secretary thinks he can see his way clear to do without further aid of this character.

What reason have we to suppose that Congress will discard utterly these sentiments and propositions of the President and the Secretary of the Treasury? Every one must heartily concur in the soundness of these opinions,—in the desire they express to return as rapidly as possible to a specie basis, and in deprecating the evils which would attend the unlimited issue of an irredeemable paper currency. No one can deem it for the public interest to contribute to the further inflation of prices, or to adopt measures which shall carry the premium on gold to still higher figures than it has yet reached. Congress can find no excuse for the further issue of paper money, as it never had any—except in the necessity of the case. If money can be procured on fair terms by loan, it should be raised in that way. If not, then, and then only, would the Government be justified in a further issue of legal tender notes.

The Secretary of the Treasury declares his belief that the wants of the Government can be met by loans. There can be no higher authority on this point, and as he is responsible for the conduct of the public finances he has a right to ask and expect the concurrence

of Congress in his plans. We see no reason to doubt that he will have it, at all events, that those plans will have a fair trial; and we do not believe, therefore, that the Committee of Ways and Means will recommend, or that Congress will sanction, any further issue of legal tender notes until the effort has been made to raise the money required by loans.

Operations Begun.

Fredericksburgh is at last in possession of our army. The telegraphic details of the work of yesterday are few and brief, but they exhibit fine maneuvering, splendid bravery, and, so far as the first and most difficult operation was concerned, success. The previous night had been all buetle and activity among the troops, for it was fixed that they should cross the Rappahannock, in the face of the foe, in the morning. Before the dawn of day, the pontoons were at the river side, a hundred and forty-three pieces of artillery gaped toward the city, and the whole army, musket in hand, was prepared to rush over as soon the bridges were built. At five, the construction of bridges began, and shortly afterward the enemy opened a murderous fire upon the engineers from the houses of the town. At six, Burnside ordered all the artillery to be opened upon the place, and at seven the heavy guns of the enemy replied to ours. The fire continued for two or three hours, and our engineers were driven from the bridges. Another attempt was at once made, and the rebel infantry, aided by artillery, again opened on our men. Between one and three o'clock, the fire slackened, and all our batteries were once more placed in position, numbering now 170 guns. At a given signal, they again opened, but the rebel sharpshooters could not be driven from their hiding-places, and the bridges could not be constructed till they were driven away. Volunteers were now called for to cross the river in small boats and storm the enemy's position. Hundreds of gallant men at once stepped forward as a forlorn hope, and a hundred of them were chosen. Under cover of artillery they crossed. With fixed bayonets they rushed upon the enemy, and took a hundred and one of them prisoners. At half-past two the bridges were completed and our troops swept across to the south bank of the Rappahannock.

In the meantime FRANKLIN'S Corps, three miles below, had also built bridges and crossed to the Southern side, while twelve miles still further down, our gunboats shelled the enemy's right wing.

Night found our army in possession of the partially destroyed town of Fredericksburgh, having suffered but small loss. And our latest dispatches indicated that they held the city during the night in quiet.

It was a good, a brave, an admirable day's work, but it was only the prelude to the grand struggle which it was expected would open to-day. We need not speculate on the probabilities in this latter case. It may be that the rebels will retreat from their works behind Fredericksburgh, and from their positions along the river. It may be they are even now crossing bayonets with our brave troops.

THE INDIAN EXECUTIONS.—We have this morning a message from President LINCOLN to the Senate in relation to the thirty-nine Minnesota Indians whom he has ordered to be executed one week from to-day. The President was anxious not to act with so much clemency as to encourage another outbreak of the savages, nor with a degree of severity which should be real cruelty, and therefore at first ordered only the execution of such Indians as "had been proved guilty of violating females," but only two of this class were found. He then directed that out of the three hundred condemned men, such should be selected as were proved to have participated in massacres as distinguished from participation in battles. These amounted to forty, (including the two of the first-class,) but as one of them had been strongly recommended to mercy, he ordered that only thirty-nine should suffer the death penalty, and has dispatched a messenger to Gen. SISKI, in Minnesota, with a copy of the order.

From the statements at first made in regard to these Indian troubles in Minnesota, we favored a policy of even greater clemency than the President has adopted; but the evidence since published, reveals atrocities on the part of the savages so inexcusable, cold-blooded and shocking, that we cannot differ from the decision the President has made after his perusal of that evidence.

We have received information, also, from a gentleman whose statements and proofs seem to be beyond dispute, that the massacres of the settlers which were begun in Minnesota in August and September last, were only part of a grand scheme of frontier butcheries which had been organized under the auspices of JEFF. DAVIS by ALBERT PIKE, and which were intended to extend along the whole Western line from Minnesota to Arkansas. These were prevented only by the extraordinary and unexpected energy displayed by the Government in dispatching to the scene of operations Gen. POK, with an army nearly fifteen thousand strong, and by the vigor and spirit of Gen. SISKI and the people of Minnesota. The atrocious design, however, has not yet been given up, and it is the opinion of Indian Commissioner DOW, and all those well informed on the subject, that it may again be attempted in the Spring. Those who know

the exposed condition of the far Western States and Territories, and the strength and ferocity of many of the Indian tribes yet hovering there, will easily believe that, by a concerted movement, instead of the thousand whites who were massacred in Minnesota, twenty thousand in the region we have mentioned might be suddenly brought under the power of the tomahawk and scalping-knife. The only way to prevent this is by energy, severity and punishment inexorable, on the first attempt at outbreak. The executions of the Chiefs and head-men ordered by President LINCOLN will have a very salutary effect in this direction.

The President does not make any suggestion in regard to the disposition of the 260 out of the 300 condemned Indians whom he may be said to have reprieved, nor in regard to the remaining parts of the Sioux tribe, who have incurred the everlasting hatred of the settlers of Minnesota, and who will almost certainly be sacrificed if permitted to remain in the State. We understand that a large portion of the tribe have been so thoroughly scared at the fury of the whites, that even in this cold weather they have fled up in the region of the British territory, and many of them are hovering around Devil's Lake. It would be better that the Government should take them under its supervision and transport the whole body of them out of the State—say down to the Indian Territory.

The News from Mexico.

News from Mexico by way of Vera Cruz and Havana, should be received with many grains of allowance. These places are in the interest of the French cause, and every item of intelligence is colored to paint in the brightest hues the success of the invasion. Hence the general reader will receive with some suspicion the reports of the cheerful adherence of this town and of that, to the French arms, on the appearance of the invading forces, while to any one who knows the country, these statements of voluntary adhesion are preposterous and absurd in the extreme.

After now nearly a year of occupation in Mexico, the French forces have not gained possession of a single town where the slightest resistance was made, nor advanced their lines one league beyond the points which the Mexican Government had voluntarily resolved, from strategic reasons, to surrender to them. No point on the coast, like Alvarado and Tampico, is capable of defence against the French gunboats, and Vera Cruz has delivered to the French after it had been already peacefully "occupied" by Spanish valor. Jalapa is at the same distance from Vera Cruz as Orizaba, and being upon another road widely distant from that by way of Orizaba, tends to divide the French forces and leave their position less secure. It has at no time been contemplated by the Mexican Government to defend that place. The other "towns" reported as occupied with the acclamation of the inhabitants by the French forces, are merely Indian villages, and anyone, even in the French army, who is credulous enough to believe that the Indian population of Mexico does, or ever can, look with favor upon the invasion of their country by an European force, forgets entirely the story of the revolution, and the fact that the legitimate Constitutional President of Mexico to-day, DON BENITO JUAREZ, is a full-blooded Indian of pure descent. Such credulity, if it exists, on the part of French officers or soldiers, may receive a rude awakening.

On a par with these wholesale fabrications in the French interest, is the story we had by an arrival a few days since of a meeting at the City of Tlascala, designed to be a demonstration, according to the report, in favor of the National cause, but at which vivas were shouted in favor of the French and of intervention. Tlascala is an almost purely Indian town, one of the most loyal and steadfast in the whole Republic, and none, during all the late revolutions of the clergy, has remained more faithful to the liberal cause, or more devoted to the person of President JUAREZ.

Of a similar character is the story we now have of a union between COMONFORT and DOBLADO to put down JUAREZ, and renegeate themselves in his place. COMONFORT and DOBLADO are personal rivals, but both have proved their fidelity for a long time back to the cardinal principle of legitimate succession, under the Constitution, through popular suffrage. Both these able patriots are lending their most energetic services to the support of the Government against the advance of the French forces, and the former is probably now the Commander-in-Chief of the Mexican army.

The shutting off of communication by way of Vera Cruz, and the reported destitution of the French army, is not surprising. The clear policy of Mexico to a military sense, is to lay waste the country and force the French to bring their supplies five thousand miles across the Atlantic. The question of supplies appears now to be a most important one as regards the movements of the French forces in Mexico. It is clear to all Europe by this time that the people of Mexico are heartily opposed to the "regulation" the French Government has so charitably proposed to extend to them, and that any further proceedings of France there must be purely on the basis of a war of conquest and subjugation. Such a war may be, probably will be, of very doubtful result for France, and will certainly cost years of time, great loss of life from even the ordinary casualties of disease, and an immense amount of money. Supplies during all this time must be brought from either France or the United States. From Vera Cruz to within a league or two of Cordova on the one road, and Jalapa on the other, the country is a barren waste, producing nothing in the way of supplies except cattle, which have now all been driven off. The vicinity of these two places produces only Summer supplies of green vegetables and fruits, but neither grain nor straw. All supplies of these two main items of consumption for man and beast must come from the table land above. Here, at the Mexican

army wastes before the advancing forces of the French, all will be burnt and destroyed, and foraging parties sent out to a greater distance will be put off by guerrilla parties constantly swarming on either side of the line of march. Reaching then the City of Mexico, or rather the valley, it will only be to find another scene of devastation opening before them.

Such are the prospects of the "magnanimous" attempts of the Third Napoleon to restore "order and prosperity," by force and against its will, to a country which has never injured France, nor ever refused any just claim of that Power, and only craves to be left in peace to the enjoyment of the republican institutions its people have repeatedly and deliberately chosen.

THE ELECTION IN NEW-ORLEANS.—By an arrival from New-Orleans last night, we learn that the election for two members of Congress to represent the districts embracing that city, took place on the 3d inst. There were plenty of candidates in the field. The names of the successful ones were Mr. BENJAMIN F. FLANDERS, chosen for the First, and Mr. M. HARRIS for the Second District. They are both strong, unconditional Unionists. The Delta says that Mr. FLANDERS is a native of New-Hampshire, but has resided in New-Orleans for thirty years. He was among the first to welcome Gen. BUTLER upon his arrival in May last, and is for the Union at any cost. His chief opponent was Mr. BOUTWELL, the staunch Unionist from the same district in last Congress, who received, however, only 186 votes, against 2,184 for Mr. FLANDERS. The other successful candidate, Mr. HARRIS, is a lawyer by profession, of German descent, who has lived in New-Orleans since boyhood, and was a stout Unionist through the darkest hours of secession madness. His chief opponent (though not the one who got most votes) was the old antediluvian, JACOB BARBER, who made very great efforts to secure an election, but was woefully beaten.

The vote polled in the two Districts was very respectable. At the last Congressional election in 1859, there were 4,480 votes given in the First District; in the same District this year, at the time of the sailing of the steamer, there had been 2,320 votes counted, and all the returns were not yet in. In the Second Congressional District in 1859, there were 8,944 votes given; in the same District, when the steamer left, there had been 3,066 votes counted. This shows a large element of loyalty, and if we abstract from the vote of the District those who have joined the rebel army, it will show that a majority of actual voters participated. It is one of the cheerful signs of the times.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The fact seems at last to be fully conceded that Hon. CALVIN B. SMITH, Secretary of the Interior, will resign his place about the 1st of January next. Most of the indications from Washington point to Hon. JOSEPH HOLT as his successor—provided the office is not continued in the hands of a citizen of Indiana. Geographical considerations are important to a certain extent, but should not be overruling in times like the present. The chief purpose of the President and of all in authority now, should be to put always the right man in the right place.

We wish not to be understood as trying to prejudice anyone's prospects of promotion, or of urging anyone for appointment, in saying that the nomination of no man in the country to the highly responsible position of Secretary of the Interior, would give more general satisfaction than that of Mr. HOLZ. From the first day of the rebellion to the present no man has labored more unceasingly, zealously and effectively to crush it, than he. His life, time and talents have been devoted to the country, in whatever station, exalted or humble, the President has asked his services. And with what fidelity and success none knows better than the President.

The Government needs now the services of men thoroughly practical and well versed in public affairs; and if noted for honesty and economy, so much the better. In the former respects, few men are the equal of Mr. HOLZ, who has for years been intimate with all the important operations of Government. In the latter, he certainly has no superior—his recent services in purging the "gun contraband" of irregularity and irresponsibility having resulted in a saving to the National Treasury of not less than seventeen millions of dollars. It is a redeeming fact of the times that we have men of the highest stamp devoted to saving for the country what many of the reckless and unprincipled seek only and always to justify.

Gen. McCLELLAN'S DEPARTURE FROM NEW-YORK.—Some weeks since, the Albany Times published a very explicit statement that Gen. McCLELLAN's detailed reports of the various battles in which the Army of the Potomac had been engaged while on the Peninsula, had been suppressed by the Government, and the charge was very distinctly conveyed that this had been done for the purpose of injuring Gen. McCLELLAN.

Now that Congress is in session it is proper that this injustice, whether practiced toward Gen. McCLELLAN or toward the Government, should be ended. The public has been compelled hitherto to grope its way through all sorts of contradictions and inconsistencies to a knowledge of these engagements—some of which were among the bloodiest and most important of the war. We have had a few reports from subordinate officers which seem to have come to light surreptitiously, and the narratives of private individuals; but to this day we have not had a single detailed report from Gen. McCLELLAN, the responsible Commander of the army, of a single one of those engagements. We have had nothing from engagements. The first hasty telegrams, styled "preliminary reports" by the Secretary of War, written in advance of any adequate knowledge of the facts, and which, in nearly every instance, he was obliged subsequently to correct. It is well as to the country which he served, that as well as to the country which he served, that

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FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

The Great Battle Not Yet Commenced.

Our Troops All Over the Rappahannock in Good Order.

Two Lines of Rebel Batteries in the Rear of Fredericksburgh.

All the Guns in the First Line Opened Upon Our Troops.

VERY LITTLE HARM DONE

The Rebel Fire Silenced by Our Batteries.

The Rebel Forces Concentrated and a Battle Probable To-Day.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF POTOMAC,
Friday Morning, Dec. 12—10 o'clock.

After occupying the river-front of the city last night, we lost about one hundred men in killed and wounded, while driving the rebels through the city.

They fired on our men as they advanced through the streets, while we were in and behind houses. Not much mercy was shown to those who were caught.

This morning a dense fog hid everything from view, but now it is partially passing away.

The troops commenced moving at an early hour, Maj.-Gen. SUMNER's Grand Division leading the way over in front of the city, to be followed by Maj.-Gen. HOOKER's Grand Division.

Gen. FRANKLIN's Grand Division, which crosses nearly three miles below the city is nearly over. At 9 o'clock the first gun was fired there, the engagement lasting about half an hour, the rebels not making a very spirited reply.

It is thought the troops will be over by noon. Information received during the night and this morning, from deserters and prisoners, show that the rebels have two strong lines of batteries in the rear of the city. The first one being one mile back, and the second a mile from the first.

The whole army is in rapid motion, and well concentrated. The troops are in excellent spirits and anxious to be upon the enemy's works.

The enemy have concentrated their forces, and it is believed will give battle!

Much will depend upon the result to-day.

All feel sanguine of success.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF POTOMAC,
Friday, Dec. 12—Evening.

All o'clock this morning the fog began to clear away, but before 11 the air was again thick, which continued until 2 o'clock, when it entirely disappeared.

At 3 o'clock the rebels opened with all their guns posted on the first ridge of hills. Their main fire was directed upon the city, which was filled with our troops. Those guns which were posted on the left of the ridge were opened on the large body of troops which crossed at the two lower bridges, and had formed in line of battle, and were moving obliquely down the river, fronting the Rappahannock. Although several of their shells exploded over our troops, none were injured.

Gen. BAYARD's Cavalry, which crossed on the lower bridge, had five men killed, while endeavoring to ascertain the enemy's position.

The troops which crossed below, are sleeping on their arms to-night, the advance being within three-quarters of a mile of Massaponax Creek, their left resting on the Rappahannock.

The enemy occupy the opposite side of the creek in force.

The guns posted on the bank this side of the river, silenced the enemy's artillery after a duel of half an hour. This ended the firing for the day.

The only damage done by the rebel shells thrown into the city was to add so much to its destruction.

Twenty-five of our men were killed last night in the streets of the city, while driving the rebels out.

Nearly every house in the city has been damaged more or less by the firing of the past two days. Several splendid residences have been completely riddled as also all the churches. The fire appeared to be directed on the most prominent edifices.

Several cases of wanton destruction of property occurred by our troops when they entered—property which could be of no use to the enemy. In many houses the furniture all remained, showing that their occupants left in haste.

Some of our troops mistook the British flag for a rebel, and tore it from the house of the British Consul. This morning the owner came over to recover it, and the same was returned to him.

The main body of the army is now over

the river, the balance being in position to cross at any time.

There is no indication of the enemy evacuating. If they remain, a battle must immediately ensue.

THE OPERATIONS OF THURSDAY.

Full Particulars from Our Special Correspondent.

Telegraphic Dispatch Via Washington.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Thursday Night, Dec. 11. I localize this letter Fredericksburgh, but it is assuredly "living" Fredericksburgh "no more." A city soulless, rent by wrack of war, and shooting up in flames at night's sky, is the pretty little antique spot by the Rappahannock, are the peculiar scene of dignified ease and retirement.

The advance of the Right Grand Division of the Army of the Potomac rests here to-night, after a series of operations which are certainly among the most extraordinary of the war. To those who retired to rest, ununiformed of what night was destined to bring forth, the spectacle this morning must have seemed strange enough to be the improvisation of the magnificent art. One hundred and fifty pieces of cannon covered the circular sweep of the heights of Fredericksburgh; 150,000 men in battle array had sprung from the earth, and lay, ready for the advance, behind those heights. But to the initiated, who spent the night in vigils and knew what work crowded its busy hours, it was all intelligible enough. All night artillery came, and came with its ceaseless, heavy rumble, and as each battery arrived from the rear it was posted in the place selected for it by the Chief of Artillery. All night the perpetual tramp of men moving to the front filled the air. Pontoon trains unwound their long, snake-like forms, and were drawn, each boat by its team, down to the river's brink.

It had been determined, in council of war, held on Wednesday, that, instead of extending our lines of operations along the river from Falmouth to Port Conway, the entire army should be crossed at or near Fredericksburgh.

Five pontoon bridges were to be thrown across the river, the first at the Lacey House, which lies directly opposite the end of the main street of Fredericksburgh, half a mile below Falmouth; the second and third within a few hundred yards from the first. The remaining two were to be thrown over a mile and a half or two miles further down the stream, and on these the Grand Division of Gen. FRANKLIN—the left—would cross, while SUMNER's and HOOKER's Grand Divisions—right and centre—would use the three upper ones.

It was about 3 o'clock this morning when the boats were unshipped from the teams at the river's brink. Swiftly and silently the Engineer Corps proceeded to their work. A dense fog filled the valleys and water margin, through which the bridge-builders appeared as spectral forms. The recital of the Times' Special Correspondent with the left will inform you of the details of the construction of the two lower—Franklin's—bridges. Work there was performed with perfect success—the Engineers being allowed to complete the first without any interruption whatever, while the construction of the other was but slightly interrupted by the fire of the rebel sharpshooters.

We were not so fortunate with the upper bridges. The artificers had but got fairly to work, when at five o'clock the firing of two guns from one of the enemy's batteries announced that we were discovered. They were signal guns. Rapid volleys of musketry, discharged at our bridge-builders, immediately followed. This was promptly responded to on our side, by the opening of several batteries. The fog, however, still hung densely over the river. It was still quite dark, and the practice of the artillery was necessarily very much at random. The Engineer Corps suffered severely from the fire of the Sharpshooters concealed in the town. The little band was being murderously thinned, and presently the work on the bridges ceased, and then ceased.

Meanwhile the firing from our batteries, posted about a mile from the river, was kept up vigorously. The effect was singular enough, and it was difficult to believe that the whole affair was not a phantasmagoria. It was still quite dark, the horizon around being lit up only by the flash of projectiles, which reappeared in explosive flame on the other side of the river.

Daylight came, but with it came not clearness of vision for on-lookers. The mist and smoke not only did not lighten, but grew more opaque and heavy, hanging the ground closely. Our gunners, however, still continued to launch their missiles at a venture. The rebel batteries hardly returned our fire, and this chariness of their ammunition they preserved all day—not a dozen rounds being fired during the whole forenoon.

Toward 8 o'clock a large party of General Officers, among them Gen. BURNESIDE, the Corps Commanders, and many others of high rank, had congregated in front of and on the balcony of Gen. SUMNER's headquarters, Phillips' House, situated about a mile directly back of the Lacey House. The performance could be heard, but not seen—the stage was obstinately hidden from view, and all were impatient that the curtain should rise. Aids and couriers came and went with messages to and from the batteries and bridges.

At 9 o'clock official notification was received that the two bridges on the extreme left were completed, and Gen. FRANKLIN sent to Gen. BURNESIDE to know if he should cross his force at once. The reply was that he should wait until the upper bridges also were completed.

Meantime, with the latter but little progress was made. During the next couple of hours half a dozen attempts were made to complete the bridges, but each time the party was repulsed with severe loss. On the occasion of one essay, Capt. BAIRD, of the Fifth New-York Volunteer Engineers, went out on the bridge with eleven men. Five immediately fell by the balls of the rebel sharpshooters. Capt. BAIRD, and another party, and was shot through the

neck, and the Sixty-sixth and Fifty-seventh New-York regiments, which were supporting the Fifth and Fifteenth New-York Volunteer Engineers—Gen. WOODWARD's Brigade—suffered severely. It was a hopeless task, and we made little or no progress. The rebel sharpshooters, posted in the cellars of the houses of the front street, not fifty yards from the river, behind stone walls and in rifle-pits, were able to pick off with damnable accuracy any party of engineers venturing on the half-completed bridge.

The case was perfectly clear. Nothing can be done till they are dislodged from their lurking places. There is but one way of doing this effectually—shell the town. At 10 o'clock Gen. BURNESIDE gives the order, "Concentrate the fire of all your guns on the city, and batter it down!" You may believe, they were not loth to obey. The artillery of the right—eight batteries—was commanded by Col. HAYS; Col. TOMPKINS, right centre—eleven batteries—Col. TRILL; left centre—seven batteries: Capt. DAUER, left—eleven batteries. In a few moments these thirty-five batteries, forming a total of one hundred and seventy-nine guns, ranging from ten-pounder Parrotts to four and half inch siege guns, posted along the convex side of the arc of the circle, formed by the head of the river and land opposite Fredericksburgh, opened on the doomed city. The effect was, of course, terrific, and regarded merely as a phenomenon, was among the most awfully grand conceivable. Perhaps what will give you the liveliest idea of its effect is a succession, absolutely without intermission, of the very loudest thunder peals. It lasted thus for upward of an hour, fifty rounds being fired from each gun, and I know not how many hundred tons of iron were thrown into the town.

The congregated Generals were transfixed. Mingled satisfaction and awe was upon every face. But what was tantalizing, was that though a great deal could be heard, nothing could be seen, the city being still enveloped in fog and mist. Only a denser pillar of smoke, defining itself on the background of the fog, indicated where the town had been fired by our shells. Another and another column showed itself, and we presently saw that at least a dozen houses must be on fire.

Toward noon the curtain rolled up, and we saw that it was indeed so. Fredericksburgh was in conflagration. Tremendous though this firing had been, and terrific though its effect obviously was on the town, it had not accomplished the object intended. It was found by our gunners almost impossible to obtain a sufficient depression of their pieces to shell the front part of the city, and the rebel sharpshooters were still comparatively safe behind the thick stone walls of the houses.

During the thick of the bombardment a fresh attempt had been made to complete the bridge. It failed, and evidently nothing could be done till a party could be thrown over to clean out the rebels and cover the bridge head. For this mission Gen. BURNESIDE called for volunteers, and Col. HALL, of Fort Sumter fame, immediately responded that he had a brigade that would do the business. Accordingly, the Seventh Michigan and Nineteenth Massachusetts, two small regiments, numbering in all about four hundred men, were selected for the purpose.

The plan was that they should take the pontoon boats of the first bridge, of which there were ten lying on the bank of the river, waiting to be added to the half-finished bridge, cross over in them, and land, drive out the rebels.

Nothing could be more admirable or more gallant than the execution of this daring feat. Rushing down the steep banks of the river, the party found temporary shelter behind the pontoon boats lying scattered on the bank, and behind the piles of plank destined for the covering of the bridge, behind rocks, &c. In this situation they acted some fifteen or twenty minutes as sharpshooters, they and the rebels observing each other. In the meantime new and vigorous artillery firing was commenced on our part, and just as soon as this was fairly developed, the Seventh Michigan rose from their crouching places, rushed for the pontoon boats, and pushing them into the water, rapidly filled them with twenty-five or thirty each.

The first boat pushes off. Now, if ever, is the rebels' opportunity. Crack! Crack! Crack! from fifty lurking places go rebel rifles at the gallant fellows, who, stooping low in the boat, seek to avoid the fire. The murderous work was well done. Lastly, however, pull the oarsmen, and presently, having passed the middle of the stream, the boat and its gallant freight come under cover of the opposite bluff.

Another and another boat follows. Now is their opportunity. Nothing could be more amusing, in its way, than the result. Instantly they see a new turn of affairs. The rebels pop up by the hundred, like so many rats, from every cellar, rifle-pit and stone wall, and scamper off up the streets of the town. With all their fleetness, however, many of them were much too slow. With incredible rapidity the Michigan and Massachusetts boys sweep up the hill, making a rush for the lurking-places occupied by the rebels, and gaining them, each man capturing his two or three prisoners. The pontoon boats on their return trip took over more than a hundred of these fellows.

You can imagine with what intense interest the crossing of the first boat-load of our men was watched by the numerous spectators on the shore, and with what enthusiastic shouts their landing on the opposite side was greeted. It was an authentic piece of human heroism, which moves men as nothing else can. The problem was solved. This flash of bravery had done what scores of batteries and tons of metal had failed to accomplish. The country will not forget that little band. Their loss in the perilous enterprise was, so far as I could ascertain, as follows:

KILLED.
A. WICKSON, Co. A.
Corp. Jos. L. RICE, Co. C.
WOUNDED.
J. N. BARNES, Co. G, mortally.
Riley Faulkner, severely.
Lieut. RICE, Co. C. C. H. NEWSON, Co. C—hand.

Sergt. Thos. Caldwell, Co. F, severely wounded in shoulder.

Jos. CRENS, Co. F—arm.

The party once across, and the rebels cleaned out, it took the engineers but a brief period to complete the bridge. They laid hold with a will, plunging waist-deep into the water, and working as men who are under inspiration. In less than half an hour the bridge was completed, and the head of the column of the Right Grand Division, consisting of Gen. HOWARD's command, was moving upon it over the Rappahannock. A feeble attempt from the rebel batteries was made to shell the troops in crossing, but it failed completely.

Your correspondent found an opportunity to cross the river along with the party who first went over, in a boat, having been curious to take a closer view of the city which we have for near a month been observing over the river, not three hundred yards wide, without the power of visitation. As the rebels were in very considerable force on the heights back of the city, one could not extend his perambulations beyond the street fronting on the river. Every one of the houses which I here entered, a dozen or more, is torn to pieces by shot and shell, and the fire still holly rages in a dozen parts of the city. A few citizens—a score or two, perhaps—male and female, presently made their appearance, emerging out of the cellars, whither they had taken refuge during the bombardment. Three women—white—whom we found in a cellar, told us that they, with a majority of the inhabitants, had moved out of Fredericksburgh a fortnight or so previously, but that, growing reassured by our long delay, they, with a good many others, had come back the evening before. The former inhabitants they report as now living in various parts of the environs, some in negro huts, and others in tents made with bedclothes, &c.

During the afternoon of the bombardment we observed a couple of white handkerchiefs waved out of the windows of a house in the city. This was taken by some for a flag of truce, and the Chief of Artillery was on the point of causing the shelling to cease. Gen. BURNESIDE, however, decided that it was probably merely only the wonted rebel ruse, and ordered operations to be continued. We found out that the demonstrations were made by two of the women referred to, with the desire that we should send over a boat and convey them away from Fredericksburgh.

Among other prominent objects during the bombardment was a large British flag, flying over the house of the English Consul. This personage, however, was not found in his house when we entered the city, and the flag was taken possession of and brought away.

A number of rebel dead were found in various parts of the city, some exhibiting frightful mutilations from shells, and I took as a trophy a rifle, still loaded, out of the grasp of a hand belonging to a headless trunk. The infantry in the city appear to have been, Mississippians, South Carolinians and Floridians. These of them that we took prisoners were wretchedly clad, and mostly without blankets or overcoats, but they generally looked stout and healthy, and certainly in far better condition than they could have been were there any truth in the report of some deserters the other day, to the effect that for three weeks they had nothing to eat but the perissomys they were able to pick up.

Although we are not yet fully informed of the present positions of the enemy, there seems to be good ground to claim that Gen. BURNESIDE has succeeded in outgeneralling and outwitting them. His decoys to make them believe that we were about to cross our main force at Port Conway, seem to have succeeded admirably. I suppose there is no harm now in my mentioning that among the ruses he employed was sending down, day before yesterday, to Port Conway, three hundred wagons, and bringing them back by a different road, for the sole purpose of making the rebels believe that we were about to cross the river at that point. To the same end, workmen were busily employed in laying causeways for supposed pontoon bridges there, while the gunboats were held as bugaboo at the same place. Completely deceived by these feints, the main rebel force, including Jackson's command, seems to have been two or three days ago transferred twenty or twenty-five miles down the river. It must be remembered, however, that without the utmost secrecy on our part they can readily retrace this blunder by a forced march or two. Signal guns, at 6 o'clock this morning, gave them the cue to what was going on, and doubtless they have not been idle during the intervening hours. To-morrow will disclose what unseen moves have been made on the chess-board.

W. S.

THE DAY PRECEDING THE ADVANCE.

Our Correspondence from the Centre Grand Division.

CENTRE GRAND DIVISION, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1862.

An important movement of a large portion of the army may be looked for to-morrow. The direction to be taken cannot safely be divulged at this writing. A sufficient number of troops will remain at about Falmouth to dispute the occupation of Fredericksburgh by the rebels. The anticipated movement of such a character that, if carried out as projected, it will necessarily cause the rebels to abandon their works and guns on the opposite side of the river.

All speculation in regard to the army going into winter quarters is at an end. The die is thrown, and the long talked of and much-wished for campaign is about to open.

The troops will march forward with encouraging prospects of success. Under the leadership of the able and victorious EVANS, they will vie with each other in the performance of deeds noble, valiant and brave. The ranks, which have been thinned by hardship, disease and battle, are augmented to nearly their full strength, and the men are eager to commence the good work of striking the death-blow to the rebel rebellion. The country may rest assured that its defenders here will do their duty. A bold and vigorous effort will be made to enter the rebel capital.

tal. Who knows but that ere the shattering in of 1863 the doom of rebellion will be sealed, and our army exulting in triumph over a fallen foe? WHIT.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

What the President Says About Affairs at Fredericksburgh.

SIGEL CO-OPERATING WITH BURNESIDE.

Another Movement from Harper's Ferry.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 12.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAYS.

Upon receiving the news from Fredericksburgh last evening, the President is said to have remarked, "The rebellion is now virtually at an end," and to have added a prophecy that Richmond would be in possession of the Union troops before the first of January.

ANXIETY FOR THE NEWS.

The city to-day has been in a state of feverish anxiety for news from Fredericksburgh. This feeling increased towards night, in consequence of the reticence of the Government, and rumors put in circulation by secession sympathizers, of successes by the rebels, and evening closed without bringing relief to the minds of the people generally, as nothing positive transpired till a very late hour. Citizens of New-York City go to bed, to-night, generally as well informed of to-day's operations as those of Washington, and the dispatches sent to the Times to-night will give them, to-morrow morning, a clearer knowledge of the situation than the public here can be expected to possess. As we close there is general evidence that all is well with our army, and every indication of stirring and decisive events to-morrow.

SIGEL ALL RIGHT.

As rumors of disaster to Gen. SIGEL have been current this evening, we are permitted to state that he is not only safe, but in full communication with Gen. BURNESIDE.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.

We learn, too, that Gen. SIGEL, whose departure from Harper's Ferry southward formed part of the general movement, was, at a late hour, known to be between Strasburg and Manassas.

CONGRESS.

The Senate met this morning and adjourned till Monday—the House having done the same thing yesterday.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee on Ways and Means have for several days been quietly but industriously considering the subject of appropriations for the coming year. The estimate of the War Department reach an enormous figure, beside which provision must be made for a large deficiency from last year.

SECRETARY CHASE'S POLICY.

The financial policy of Secretary CHASE has not yet formed the subject of discussion in committee. It is not known that the bill which Mr. Chairman SEYMOUR lately sprung upon the House funds, as a whole, any support among his associates.

THE PROCLAMATION AND THE PRESBYTERIANS.

A deputation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, consisting of Rev. Messrs. SWAN, of New-York, and MILLMAN, of Pennsylvania, called on the President to-day to urge the importance of carrying out inflexibly his Proclamation of Emancipation, both as a moral duty and a military necessity. They expressed a very friendly reception, and understand that the President is resolved to abide by his action.

THE CONVALESCENT CAMP.

In a paragraph published in Tuesday's TIMES, Messrs. ORRILL, GOODE, and COVODE are made to exercise their benevolent efforts in behalf of the inmates of the convalescent camps, instead of the convalescent camp, as was the fact. The context of the whole paragraph clearly shows the error to consist in the use of the word "convalescent," for "convalescent"—but lest some of the gentlemen in question should suffer in the opinion of his constituents, who may consider benevolence to a black man a crime, we make this distinct correction.

CASES M. CLAY.

Gen. CASES M. CLAY is again in the city.

GEN. McCLELLAN GONE.

Gen. McCLELLAN left here to-day for New-York, his testimony having closed in the McDowell Court. It is understood that he will return to testify in behalf of his friend, Gen. FOSTER.

CONSUL FOR BELGIUM.

On T. VANRAEYBET has been recognized by the President as Consul for Belgium, to reside at Louisville, Ky.

THE DEBATE ON MR. SALISBURY'S RESOLUTION.

The discussion which occurred in the Senate on Tuesday and Thursday upon Mr. SALISBURY'S Resolution of Inquiry in regard to arbitrary arrests, was marked by something of the spirit and ability which we so desire but seldom see in that body of our most eminent statesmen, during a crisis that should inspire the merest caucus orator with patriotism and eloquence.

On Thursday, in especial, the remarks of Messrs. MONROE and WADSWORTH—the one a Republican from radical New-England, and the other a Democrat from Border State Indiana—breathed a spirit of lofty patriotism and fearlessness which overbore all attempt to reply. To listen to sentiments so similar and so noble, in these days, when partisan prejudice and military failure have so disheartened the loyal and emboldened the traitorous, reminded one of the palm days when the whole North rose up regardless of party, and united as one man to put down the horrible rebellion which had newly thrown aside its mask, and showed the whole world with its deformity.

One declaration made by Senator WADSWORTH deserves profound attention. "Let no one be deceived by the late elections in the West," said he, "and imagine that our people are faltering in their determination to put down the rebellion. I tell you that the true cause of the Administration's defeat in those States, is a conviction on the part of the people that the Government is not enough in earnest in this war!"

SENATOR HENDERSON'S EMANCIPATION POLICY. Mr. HENDERSON has given notice in the Senate of a

bill to aid the State of Missouri in the emancipation of her slaves; and this measure, originating with a Senator from a Slave State, has an importance which all may not at first recognize.

The Constitution of the State of Missouri prohibits any legislative action on or on its receiving compensation therefor. Senator HENDERSON, in the face of the traditional policy of his State, and the violent claim influence so long dominant, has dared to make an issue before the people on emancipation, and is rewarded by the election of a legislature of opinion kindred with his own. But this legislature is barred in its action by the prohibitions of the State Constitution, and the beggarly condition of the State finances, which forbid the hope of any legal emancipation; unless indeed, the United States, in accordance with the original suggestions of the President, shall consent to lend its credit to the beneficent enterprise, and thus enable that State to inaugurate the policy of voluntary emancipation, which may be said, years ago, to have inaugurated the war for the destruction of the Union.

The reputation of Senator HENDERSON for loyalty, candor, wisdom and integrity of purpose, will add great weight to his arguments in favor of this bill, which will soon be before Congress and the country for consideration.

THE COURT OF CLAIMS BILL.

The Senate Judiciary Committee have under consideration a bill which passed the House last session, increasing the number of judges of the Court of Claims and making their decisions final. This measure is one of very great importance, and should the bill become a law, places in the hands of the Court claims amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars. The Committee are scrutinizing it closely, and will probably limit the Court in its operations to contracts. The House Naval Committee met to-day and disposed of considerable business which went over from last session. The Chairman, Mr. SEWELL, will probably report in a day or two a resolution of thanks to Commodore VANDEBILT, in accordance with the recommendation of the President.

ACTIVITY IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Medical Department is busily engaged in preparing for the reception of the wounded in the battle before Fredericksburgh. There are 2,000 vacant beds in the hospitals here, 2,000 in Philadelphia, 500 at Point Lookout, and 1,000 at New-York. Five hundred sick and wounded patients were sent to Philadelphia to-day by the Medical Director, and the same number will be sent north to-morrow.

BARRACKS FOR THE CONVALESCENTS.

The Secretary of War has ordered Gen. HENTZMAN to select a site upon which to erect barracks capable of accommodating five thousand men, now congregated in the convalescent camp near Alexandria, the Quartermaster's Department to build them. Gen. HENTZMAN, it is understood, has selected a spot near the old camp-ground, a short distance out from Alexandria. The erection of the barracks will be commenced immediately.

TRIBUTE TO MASSACHUSETTS TROOPS.

In response to a request made some time ago, by Gov. ANDREW, of Massachusetts, to General in whose commands were troops from that State, that they would furnish him with an account of their conduct, &c., Gen. MARTINDALE has written a lengthy and interesting letter to the Governor, in which he speaks in the highest terms of the courage and bravery of Massachusetts troops under his command, viz: The Eighteenth and Twenty-second Regiments of Infantry, and Capt. MANNING'S Battery of Artillery. The General says they have no superiors in the field, either in regard to their soldierly conduct or their qualities of endurance.

PUTTING DESERTERS AT WORK.

Deserters, whose regiments are unknown, are to be organized and set to work on the defenses of the city. Deserters, when they can be identified, are to be immediately returned to their regiments.

RELEASED FROM THE OLD CAPITAL.

Mrs. HOLLAND was released on Thursday from the old Capitol Prison by Capt. E. G. PALMER, of Gen. MARTINDALE'S Commission. She was placed there several months ago on the charge of aiding persons to cross our lines with contraband goods. No positive evidence of her guilt being adduced, she was released. She has one son in the National army, and another serving in the ranks of the rebels.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 12.

THE FRENCH MEDIATION PROPOSITION.

Official information, just communicated, warrants the assertion that the French Government has no idea of prosecuting any further their propositions for an armistice or mediation.

THE PEACE PROPOSITION CANARDS.

No propositions of any kind, in any form, from any insurrectionary quarter, have been received by President LINCOLN or any of his Cabinet.

THE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

No discrimination in regard to the Press, was made or known at the State Department in regard to the "Foreign Correspondence." A remedy will doubtless be applied to prevent future complaints.

ENGLISH SCHOONERS CAPTURED.

The Navy Department has received a letter from Lieutenant-Commander ENGLISH, dated the coast of Florida, stating that the boats belonging to his vessel had captured, in Morion River, the English schooner Agnes and Ellen, and sent them to Key West for adjudication.

FIRING GUNS UNDER WATER.

Much has recently been said about the invention of First Assistant Engineer WINTHROP for firing guns under water. A dozen persons have brought similar plans to the attention of the Navy Department. It is no new invention or secret, having been successfully applied by FULTON and others. No practical importance seems to be attached to this subject.

NAVY.

Surgeon GILCHRIST has been detached from duty as Fleet Surgeon of the Mississippi Squadron, and Surgeon PIERCE ordered to relieve him.

THE STOLEN CERTIFICATES.

Gen. SYDNOR, United States Treasurer, has heard nothing of the stolen certificates, but states that it is his opinion the parties purloining them are still at large. It is also that of the police. In no case, however, can they be used.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 12.

Mr. COWAN, of Pennsylvania, (Rep.), presented a petition from twelve hundred citizens of Philadelphia asking for a General Bankrupt act. Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Rep.), introduced a resolution that the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing to enlisted men, now in the service of the United States, entitled to a bounty of \$100 before the passage of the act of — 5, 1862, the same advance bounty as was allowed to enlisted men by that act, and also what

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We received yesterday, in time for publication in our latest afternoon edition, a dispatch from the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, stating that a great battle had commenced south of the Rappahannock. Gen. RENOYD'S Corps, on the left, advanced at an early hour, and at 9 o'clock engaged the enemy's infantry, and seven minutes afterwards the rebels opened a heavy fire of artillery, which had continued until the time the dispatch was transmitted—11 o'clock. Our heavy guns answered quickly, but the firing on both sides was necessarily much at random, as a fog obscured almost everything from view. Not much infantry had then been engaged, and results were unknown. No other dispatches had been received by us up to 1 o'clock this morning.

A party of Rebel Cavalry, said to number 1,000 or 1,500, and supposed to belong to STUART'S command, made a dash into Dumfries, on Friday morning, captured ten sutlers, a number of pickets, and a telegraph repairer; cut down a telegraph pole and cut the wire, destroyed several Government and sutlers' wagons, and then hastily decamped. The place was subsequently occupied by Gen. STRINWELL, and the telegraph was repaired. This interruption accounts for the delay in the reception of our dispatches on Friday, and a similar operation in some other quarter may account for the non-reception of dispatches last night.

The United States steam transport *George C. Collins* arrived at this port last night, from Newbern on the 10th inst. She brings intelligence that the troops at Newbern were making preparations for a movement when she left, but their destination was unknown. We shall not be surprised to hear of Gen. Foster at Weldon very shortly.

According to the reports in the Memphis papers the expedition under Gen. HOVEY was not so large as was reported, nor did it accomplish all that was stated. The infantry numbered but six thousand, and the cavalry, under Col. WASHBURN, two thousand. The force left Helena on Thursday week, passed upon transports down the river to Delta—not Friar's Point, as before stated—where it disembarked and started upon its perilous march across the country in the direction of Grenada. The Memphis Bulletin, of Friday, the 6th inst., thus describes what followed: "It started from Delta the next morning and marched twenty miles the first day. On the second day, about noon, it struck the Coldwater stream, which it followed to its mouth, reaching it that night, where the infantry under Gen. HOVEY remained. On the next day, Saturday, Gen. WASHBURN, with the cavalry, pushed forward, and on Sunday struck the Mississippi Central Road, five or six miles above Grenada, toward Holly Springs, where they tore up the track and burned two bridges. While there, Gen. WASHBURN learned that the rebels were in force at Grenada, and fortified. He therefore determined not to go to Grenada, but instead fell back to Hardie's Station on the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad. There the General destroyed the railroad so that it will take a month to repair it. Gen. WASHBURN then fell back twelve miles to the mouth of Coldwater. On Tuesday he went to Pando, and burned several hundred yards of bridge and trestle-work, after which he fell back to the infantry under Gen. HOVEY, at the mouth of Coldwater, from which point dispatches of the above movements were sent to Helena, reaching there about 2 o'clock on Thursday morning." It is true that Grenada was evacuated on Saturday, but owing to misinformation, Gen. WASHBURN did not go there, though he was within six miles, and there was nothing to prevent his occupying the place.

The Boston Commonwealth Bulletin states, on what it considers "reliable and indisputable authority," that "an extraordinary effort is to be made by emissaries from the rebel Government, as well as by rebel sympathizers in England, to furnish and fit out iron-clad and swift sailing steamers, not only for the purpose of breaking the blockade, but to successfully cope, if they are allowed the opportunity, with some of our own navy, or make a raid upon some unprotected harbor."

A letter dated on board the gunboat *Port Royal*, Apalachicola Bay, Florida, Nov. 20, says: "We are now waiting for the approach of the rebel steamer *Chattahoochee*, which vessel is said to be ready to make an attempt to pass us. She is reported to be in the river, and all that she now needs is water enough to allow her to test her battery with ours; hers is reported to be six 32-pound guns and a 100-pound rifle. She is under the command of Lieut. A. C. CATESBY JONES, the same individual who was executive officer on board the *Merrimack*, and who commanded that monster when she engaged the *Monitor*."

GENERAL NEWS.

The Board of Aldermen met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. WASHBURN presented a resolution to give the Sixty-ninth Regiment, N. Y. S. G., the sum of \$10,000, this corps being the only one entitled to this favor, in pursuance of the resolution adopted by the Common Council last September, guaranteeing \$10,000 to each militia regiment that should be reorganized for the war and enter the United States service with eight full companies. The Sixty-ninth have had ten

companies mustered in. The resolution, which was laid over under the title, proposed to appropriate the money from the "Bounty Fund," which was raised on the authority of an ordinance, for the speedy recruitment of troops for the Federal army. A veto message of the Mayor, on the resolution, increasing the salaries of the President and other officers of the Croton Department, was read and laid over. The ordinance from the other Board, designed to have the pavement torn up by the new railroad companies, and the ordinance for the purpose of making the special order for the next meeting. Concurrence was had on the resolution directing the Street Commissioner to include in his estimates of appropriations for his Department next year the sum of \$5,000 for working One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, from Broadway to Harlem River, as a country road. The Board adjourned till 5 o'clock P. M. of Monday.

The City Canvassers met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and adjourned over till 2 P. M. of Monday, to make the formal declaration of results. The Councilmanic Railroad Committee met yesterday, and considered the resolution inquiring by what right the Sixth-avenue Railroad Company should run its new tunnel under the street, and the Common Council, and if they run any cars for which they have not procured licenses. The Committee admit that they have put down a tunnel in Fifty-ninth street without authority, and will take it up if the Common Council desire them to do so. The Committee ascertained that the Company have been running from twenty to thirty licensed cars. The subject is to be further considered at 12 o'clock on Monday, to which time the Committee adjourned.

In compliance with instructions from President LINCOLN, Maj. Gen. CURTIS has directed that all proceedings of the Board of Assessors in St. Louis, appointed by Gen. SCOTT, be suspended until further orders.

The Court-martial in session in St. Louis, investigating the charges against Maj. MCKINSTRY, has refused his application to have Gen. McCLELLAN summoned thither as a witness.

The New-Jersey regiments, including the Twenty-seventh, which left Alexandria a few days since, and marched to Port Tobacco, Md., crossed the Potomac Aqueduct, and are now with Gen. BRUNN'S army at Fredericksburg.

The First and Second New-Jersey Brigades and the Eleventh Regiment are also there.

A sidewheel gunboat of 1,000 tons, 240 feet long, 35 feet wide, with a double bow, is building at Bath, Me., for the Government. A curious case was before the Prize Court in Philadelphia on Wednesday. It was the claim of the *Eina Insurance Company* of Hartford to the prize steamer *Salvor*, which was captured on Oct. 13, 1861, while trying to run the blockade, and which has since been condemned and sold. The steamer originally belonged to the Insurance Company, and was used on the Western Lakes for commercial purposes. In the *Salvor*, the Agent of the Company at Buffalo, Capt. DORR, sold her to JAMES MCKAY, of Florida. Only a part of the purchase money was paid in cash, the rest was secured by a mortgage on the vessel, and by a promissory note. The mortgage was never satisfied, and the note, though \$17,500 were received as a part of a final settlement. One of the questions before the Court is, whether the amount received was in part payment of the promissory note. It is also a question whether the Company can recover any portion of the amount claimed, inasmuch as a part of the amount due was received under an agreement which set forth that \$3,000 was to be taken in full of all claims. GEORGE H. HENRIK, Esq., of Buffalo, represents the Insurance Company.

An Havana correspondent announces that the Confederate privateer *Florida*, otherwise the *Oreto*, which ran the blockade at Mobile some weeks since, is reported to have reappeared in the Gulf.

A package received at the express office in Wheeling several months ago, and which has since remained uncalled for, was opened on Tuesday last and found to contain \$50,000 in counterfeit Confederate notes.

The Belleville (Ct.) *Intelligencer* describes the execution on Friday, the 5th of Dec., of ROBERT WARD and MARY AYLWARD (husband and wife) for the murder of WILLIAM MURKIN on May 16th last. 3,000 to 5,000 people were present, many of whom had remained all night in order to secure a good place. The woman's death was easy, while the man struggled in death for three or four minutes. One of the attendant clergymen, the Rev. Mr. BRENNAN, fainted away, and was carried off immediately after the drop fell.

Fifteen thousand dollars' worth of blasting powder, 3,109 kegs in all, were seized in Philadelphia on Thursday, on board a canal boat, en route to Potomac. The powder was the property of more than three kegs at a time, and the whole amount will, therefore, be confiscated for the benefit of the Association for the Relief of Disabled Firemen.

Breadstuffs were in limited request on Saturday. Flour and Wheat declined slightly. Cotton was dull and heavy. Prices were less active. A moderate business was reported in Groceries, Hops, Whisky, Wool and Tallow, at former rates. A good demand prevailed for Hay, at buoyant prices. The Freight market was inactive, with 474 vessels, of all classes, in port.

HONORS TO HEROES.—Every one who read the vivid account given by our Virginia correspondent, yesterday, of the unsurpassed coolness and valor displayed by the "forlorn hope" of 400 men, who crossed the Rappahannock in small boats, in face of the fire of the rebel sharpshooters, and drove them pell-mell through Fredericksburg, must have felt that these heroes who, indeed, merited the recognition of their country. From the moment that the men of the Seventh Michigan sprang from their crouching places behind the rocks on the north bank of the river, and rushing for the ponton boats, pushed them into the water, and leapt into them, all the time under the enemy's fire—through that solemn scene when the first boat-load of gallant fellows pushed off amid the crack! crack! of a hundred rebel rifles, followed quickly by another and another boat-load, up to the moment when, rushing from their boats, amid the applauding shouts of our army, which was watching them, they swept up the hill, on the further side of the river, and musket in hand, fell upon the skulking rebels and killed, captured, or chased them all from their lurking places—everything through the whole affair was as fine as ever was anything in military history.

"It was," said our correspondent, "an authentic piece of human heroism which moves men as nothing else can." And as to its effect, he added: "The problem (of our army crossing the river) was now solved. This flash of bravery has done what scores of batteries and tons of metal had failed to accomplish. The country," continued our correspondent, "will not forget that little band." We hope the country will not forget them. Had these men been under NAPOLÉON, their valor would have been signalized and honored on the spot; had they been in any European service, they would have received such token of recognition as would have filled them with pride for life, and been an heirloom for posterity; had they even been on the enemy's side, they would have won the "croix" which the rebels give to their bravest. In our army, and on our side, we fear that all the recognition and reward these men will ever receive for their day's service, will be to be kept waiting half a year or more for the forty cents they earned by it. It is a shame. If there can be no other reward,

they certainly deserve the thanks of Congress as much as some of the big Generals who have received them. They would thus have their names enrolled on the national record as having at least *deserved well* of their country.

The Army of Gen. Burnside—The Plans on Richmond.

The "thick fog" which for the last three days has hung over the two great armies now on the south side of the Rappahannock, has been almost equalled by the fogs of doubt and uncertainty which have hung over the mind of New-York,—but through which the narrative of our correspondent published yesterday enabled us to get a good view of the splendid operations of Thursday. The fog continued yesterday both over the armies and over us, though toward evening we got a glimpse of what was going on behind the clouds, in the telegraphic sentence, dated at 11 o'clock, that "the great battle so long anticipated between the two contending armies was then progressing." Up to 1 o'clock this morning, however, we had received nothing additional with which to satisfy the public craving for news.

It is evident that matters cannot well linger now; but the appearances are, that the whole campaign against the rebels in Virginia will be at once pushed forward to definite results. Sixty, it is reported, is in immediate communication with BRUNN; and our forces at Harper's Ferry, having now no further dread of Stonewall JACKSON or of STUART'S Cavalry, have also left that region to join the main body; and a large force of troops have marched from the immediate vicinity of Washington to a point where they can defend Washington to greater advantage. On the south side of Richmond, we hear that troops are gathering from Newbern, from Suffolk and Norfolk, from Fortress Monroe and the Peninsula, and moving forward in the direction of Petersburg, that they may take part, in conjunction with the northern column, in reducing the rebel Capital. If we can place any credit in semi-official telegrams and official reports, these movements are even now in operation; and, if they have really begun, it will be impossible they should stop until they either eventuate in success, or result in the breaking down and breaking up not only of our plans for the Winter, but of a great part of our army.

It is impossible to state what are BRUNN'S general or special plans of operation, but his policy seems to be that, from the lack of which all our previous disasters have come—the policy of *concentration*. Those who have paid attention to the most interesting developments made during the week, in the trial of Gen. McDOWELL, already know how fearfully we suffered from the lack of concentration and co-operation of forces during the campaign on the Peninsula. Both McCLELLAN and McDOWELL certify that Richmond would almost inevitably have been captured in the early summer had the bodies under each of these officers been allowed to work under a proper military leadership, for the same special end. Though all this was pretty well known before, it seems now to be placed beyond doubt. It is no matter, in our present argument, from whom the interference came that overthrew the commonest laws of war and consequently ended in disaster. It appears there is no such interference with BRUNN'S winter campaign. He has doubtless been embarrassed and delayed during the last six weeks by the imbecility of certain functionaries in Washington; but there is proof enough that, having been intrusted with command, he is to be allowed to form a plan of action and carry it out, without his moves being checked by an unseen hand. Thus far, in the grand movements and in the details, he has acted as a master of strategy, and an able, clear-headed, energetic, brave man.

If this plan for the present campaign is, as certainly appears, the bringing of all available forces to the main object of capturing the rebel Capital and crushing the rebel army, we think its execution must be followed by speedy and decisive success. It would be quite impossible for the rebels to continue a campaign during the Winter with an army of a hundred thousand men on the south side of Richmond, and an army of a hundred and fifty thousand under BRUNN on its north.

Interference to a Union Officer.—The Tribune.

Yesterday gave currency to the following indictment of a Union officer:

Kentucky Gen. BORIS, whose recent order for the return of fugitive negroes to their rebel masters, attracted public attention, was notified from headquarters, not long after its issue, that if he wished to retain his command, he must adopt a different policy.

We have watched the course of Union officers in the East and West with all care and anxiety, and we take it upon ourselves to say that Gen. BORIS, the Military Commandant at Louisville, never issued any such order as that indicated by the *Tribune*. He could not have issued such an order without flagrant defiance of the law of Congress and the orders of the War Department based thereon. And to suppose that if he had thus openly defied the Government and trampled upon the laws, he would have only got a hint from "headquarters" that he had better look out for his salary and position in command, is to assume the War Department as false to the country as it would be imbecile.

Not long since, Gen. BORIS issued an order, the effect of which was to put all men, white or black, that visited the camps in his Department, on the same footing—the blacks having previously exercised the privilege of going out and coming in, at all hours, without sign, password or question, and being frequently made the agents of demoralized soldiers rustling in camp, of conducting an illicit trade in liquor and other contraband articles. To be sure, there was at the time a slight murmur against this obviously proper rule of camp police, on the part of those who seek the "largest liberty and license" of slave and soldier; but we believe the War Department never instructed Gen. BORIS to modify his ways or amend his order by restoring negroes

to privileges that loyal white men do not and cannot possess.

Other than this, Gen. BORIS has issued no order that any way affected the rights of "contrabands" in and about his camps.

United States Notes and Gold.

The change in the lawful Currency of the country, last Winter, under Government authority, was brought about by the previous suspension of payments in Specie by the Banks. It was one of the absolute necessities of the War, besides being the proper and timely exercise of the National power to regulate Commerce and the Currency. The Act, of course, practically converted the Gold and Silver in circulation, previous to the Bank suspension, into mere articles of traffic or merchandise. They were no longer required in the settlement of ordinary domestic debts. Congress, however, very wisely pledged the public faith to the continued payment of Gold for the semi-annually accruing interest on the Public Debt of the United States, of all classes and descriptions. The amounts necessary to meet this important requisition, were levied upon the Foreign Import trade, by stipulating that all Customs Duties must be paid in Gold after the issue of United States Notes of July 17, 1861, which bear upon their face a receivability for all public debts, is exhausted. This period is now very near at hand. The subsequent receipts in Gold, exclusively from Customs, will greatly exceed the Public Interest accruing after February next. Already the Treasury has negotiated, without trouble, for a loan of Gold to pay the January interest, something less than \$4,000,000, in anticipation of the Spring revenues from the Custom-house, and after the reimbursement of this loan, there will be no question of the ability of the Customs Duties to bear the Interest charge upon the entire Public Debt, taking the extreme total to which it is estimated by the Secretary it may reach, if the war be continued for the ensuing year and a half. The mercantile demand for Gold for this object, after it sets in, will be both gradual in its nature and comparatively moderate in amount. And the whole will at once return to the market through the periodical disbursements on the Public Interest, these being well distributed at present through nearly the entire twelve months.

The change of Currency in making Gold an article of merchandise also left it subject to all the contingencies and ups and downs of speculation, depending in some measure, like other products of the country for which there is a foreign demand, upon the course of the export trade, but in a much greater degree upon the caprices of the Stock Exchange and the recurring successes or defeats to our army, which, after all, regulate popular opinion and confidence in the return to the old basis of Gold and Silver.

The prejudice which this kind of speculation, as carried on in Wall-street for the past eight or ten months, on the most extravagant scale, has endeavored to create against the National Currency of United States Notes, by charging the rise of Gold upon its redundancy, has been ably met and rebuted by Secretary CHASE in his recent Report. It is now well known, and, indeed, practically experienced in Bank circles in this City, that no such redundancy exists, and that with all the aid from \$50,000,000 increase in the Bank Note Circulation of the loyal States, this Currency has not yet been able to fill the vacuum created by the withdrawal of Gold and Silver, much less to meet the enhanced demand for circulation through the agricultural and manufacturing States by the immensely improved condition and greatly increased wealth or pecuniary independence of the farmer, the mill owner, the master mechanic and even the day laborer. An export trade of two hundred millions in value in agricultural produce; the consumption of as much more by our great armies, all at good prices, and the active employment, night and day, of nearly all descriptions of factories, machine shops, tailoring establishments, &c., to meet the requisitions of the War and Navy Departments, together with the vast amount of labor employed as well on our Canals and Railways as in the field, to move our great crops to a profitable cash market, have absolutely demanded an aggregate circulating medium far beyond the ability of both the Banks of established credit and the Government to meet it, without serious inconvenience and annoyance to both. This fact, we repeat, is now well understood in this City. The surplus notes of circulation and descriptions left over in Bank from day to day is believed to be less than one-half the stock of Gold held in Bank. The withdrawal of country Bank balances, in the last three or four weeks, on orders to send out the Twenty in United States Notes of the lower denominations, is to be presumed, by express, are believed to amount to ten or twelve millions. The orders for New-York and New-England Bank Circulation are, and have been for many months, continuous, though in less considerable sums, the general preference, particularly from the West, being for United States Notes.

As Mr. CHASE rightly argues, therefore, the price of Gold is not made by the redundancy of the Currency, in the sense implied in the charge by speculators in Gold that the Greenbacks are cheap and Bank Notes superabundant. And meanwhile we have seen that the supply of Gold from California—of which State it is the staple product, as steady and reliable (if not more so) in its annual results as the Agricultural products of the West—and the importation of Foreign Gold in our last year of depression, have furnished the entire export demands of 1862 and left a surplus of thirty odd millions. In other words, there is more Gold now in the country by thirty millions of dollars than before the Civil War broke out.

It is not our province to attempt to account for the daily varying speculations in Gold upon any other than material or sound financial causes, such as we have attempted to

point out as practically against the present high premium. Nor do we desire to arraign the movement itself, believing that it will ultimately find its proper level. The ground of confidence in our National Circulation, as in our material resources and ability for the conduct of the War, may be shaken, as it has on several occasions been shaken, by reverses in the field, but it is also remembered that only eight months ago it was equally elated by our successes in the field, so that Gold commanded only 2 or 3 or, at most, 5 per cent. premium in the market on the existing export demand. Should the tide of fortune in our present Winter campaign turn as suddenly in favor of the Government, the effect will be such on the price of Gold that no combination of speculators, however wealthy, whether of native or alien birth and sympathies, will be able to resist the fall.

The Proclamation and the Slaves.

The Proclamation of Emancipation was, at the outset, loudly decried by its opponents as utterly futile and nugatory. The earnestness and zeal with which they proclaimed that it was only a "Jingo's Bull against the Comet," was always suspicious. One could not help asking why they were so much disturbed by it, if it was indeed the impotent menace which they declared it to be. As the day of its operation approaches, however, we fancy that this idea is pretty generally abandoned, if, indeed, there ever was any persons well informed on the subject who honestly held it. If there are people who still hold it, we commend to their consideration a recent article in the Louisville Journal, urging upon the colored preachers in Kentucky "to set themselves to work earnestly, zealously, and energetically," to explain to their people (the slaves of Kentucky) that the Proclamation has no application to them.

The Journal explains the necessity of such a step, by saying that "it is a well-known fact that an impression prevails to a considerable extent among the slave population in Kentucky, that they will be free on the first of January, under the Proclamation of the President of the United States. If this delusion is not speedily corrected, it will be likely to lead to disastrous results to the negroes."

One naturally inquires, what are the "disastrous results" spoken of, and why such an impression among the negroes should produce them. We can get a little light upon this point by looking back a few years to where we can find such an impression formerly prevailing, and see what were the results then produced by it. Our readers will recollect that during the Fugitive campaign the Slave States had resounded with the outcry that FRANKLIN was an Abolitionist—for that was then the staple of Southern argument, and still, indeed, continues to be such under the advice of DEMAGOGUES. And our readers may recollect that in consequence of this argument, the slaves in many parts of the South imbibed the notion that they were to be set free at Christmas time. What was the consequence? There were extensive disturbances induced, and far more extensive ones threatened, among them at that time, ending, as all such things have ended hitherto, in the shooting, hanging, &c., of a number of negroes, whether innocent or guilty, and a corresponding loss of property to their owners—results disastrous to both masters and slaves. The panic about negro insurrection was great, not only in Tennessee and the States of the Southwest, in which region we heard most of the outbreaks, but extended down to the remotest districts of the cotton States. In South Carolina, itself, which boasts its impregnability to abolition assaults or negro revolts, there was the greatest dread of slave-risings about Christmas and New-Year time of 1850. Arms from the arsenal at Columbia were distributed to the whites all over the State, and the militia at the Capital and in all the towns and districts were ordered out to patrol nightly. In Charleston, the white citizens were put under arms, bands of cavalrymen dashed through the streets by day and night, with drawn sabres, to terrify the negroes, and it went even so far that the people were notified of a signal, at the giving of which a general massacre of negroes was to commence.

Can there be a doubt as to what the Louisville Journal meant by "disastrous results to the negroes"? Will not the like causes produce like effects? Should not the Journal be accepted as a most competent witness as to what would be the natural effects upon the negroes of an expectation of freedom disappointed? If we were to ask it to explain fully, can there be a doubt but that it would say that there was danger of the negroes attempting to seize their freedom by force, and thus coming into collision with their masters, with "disastrous results" to themselves?

Can any one give a valid reason why these effects which the Journal fears for Kentucky should not be produced in the more Southern States? No one believes that the negroes there are ignorant of the Proclamation. It is impossible. Even if there were not the innumerable evidences which exist of the constant transmission among them of a contraband knowledge, and information which their masters only by accident learn that they possess, it would be incredible that such a Proclamation, so vitally affecting so many people, could be put forth and they remain ignorant of it. But, with those evidences of which every one who has had any acquaintance with the South has heard repeated instances, who can doubt that the slave population of the Rebel States is looking forward to the 1st of January with the intensest eagerness? and with them it is not "a delusion," as it is among the slaves in Kentucky, while the slaves very well understand that their freedom comes to them from a higher than Rebel authority. All the indications from the Rebel States point to preparation against this danger, and although

their words declare that it does not and cannot exist, their actions speak the loudest.

We saw, a short time since, the narration of a conversation between the President and Mr. CASEY, a loyal Kentuckian, which showed that these considerations had forced themselves also upon his mind. He referred to the occurrences after the Fremont campaign, and expressed his firm conviction that unless the end of the war in some way brought freedom to the slaves, they would attempt to seize it by force, and that alike whether the end of the war were the recognition of the Confederacy or the restoration of the Union. We have no doubt that the President's views on this point are entirely correct, as also his idea that the only prevention of such a state of things is present or prospective emancipation. The rebels have succeeded thus far in keeping the slaves quiet wherever they could not reach our lines, because the slaves have had wit enough to see that their time had not yet arrived. But when time passes on and the thunders of war roll further off and cease, and the darkness of the prison-house in which they have been grinding so long settles down upon them more heavily than ever, they would not be human if disappointment did not kindle into a conflagration the smouldering coals of fury with which oppression always fires the soul.

AN UNCALLED-FOR MOVEMENT.—Wherever in this wide world there is a human being famished, naked or uncomfortable, we would at once, were it in our power, have him fed, clad and comforted. We would not only furnish moral pocket handkerchiefs to the naked heathen in Africa, and diah up for the Greenlanders a superior article of blubber, but wherever from China to Peru, from the Sierras to the Hebrides, there is an individual with a legitimate want unsatisfied, we would have proper means taken to satisfy it.

The movement being gotten up in this City on a small scale to send aid to what are called "the suffering operatives of France, and the poor of other lands," is quite uncalled for and unnecessary. It is of entirely another kind from the grand movement so auspiciously consummated to assist the families of the famishing workmen of Lancashire. There is no such destitution in any part of France as there is in the cotton manufacturing districts of England. There are no appeals for aid from France. Within three months past, nearly a million men, women and children, have been thrown upon public charity in Lancashire. No such state of things exists anywhere in France. Millions of dollars have been subscribed in England and her colonies to aid the starving, and the nation is straining every effort to roll back the waves of human woe which threaten to overwhelm the lower classes of the population. The public of France make no such efforts, as they are not needed. The suffering operatives of England look to us as well as to their fellow-countrymen for aid. The limited number who suffer in France look exclusively to their own Government. The charge of the poor and the idle in France is a Governmental affair, and goes hand in hand with public improvements and economies; and the Emperor will spend tens of millions of francs in feeding the needy, and get it all returned in the work they will be compelled to perform.

There is suffering in France, no doubt, arising from the lack of cotton, but not one-fifth as much as there is in Belgium; and in neither, or both of them, is there one-hundredth part of what exists within the narrow limits of Lancashire. The call for the meeting, on Friday afternoon, to forward this new charity, if such it may be called, (which meeting, by the way, was happily a fizzle,) says that the "poor of France, as we are credibly informed, are suffering for want of the necessities of life." The poor of France and of every country in Europe have been in a chronic state of suffering for centuries for want of the necessities of life; but this arises from causes too wide and deep to be at all affected by such means as the "transshipment to them of a small portion of the surplus produce and provisions of our country." All that is proposed in the case of Lancashire is to furnish some aid, in conjunction with half the rest of the world, during a temporary, unparalleled, crushing crisis of want and starvation. The public of New-York have responded munificently to the appeal for aid to Lancashire. Let not that great and magnificent movement be baffled by preposterous efforts to furnish aid to the operatives of the universe and feed "the poor of other lands."

CONTRABANDS.—We must state the statement is correct which Secretary STANTON has allowed to be published right under his nose in Washington, that STANTON'S grand division took up its line of march in the early part of the week, so as to be within supporting distance of the main body of BRUNN'S army, and that it is by this time in position to co-operate with BRUNN. We trust, also, the statement is true which has been published in the Southern newspapers, and telegraphed us from Fortress Monroe, that our large force at Newbern, in North Carolina, has moved up toward Weldon, and that it is to combine with a still larger force, which has left Suffolk to advance upon Petersburg, and from thence close in upon Richmond. Some people suppose that Gen. BAXES did not go much further south than Cape Hatteras, where his vessels, the other day, were reported to have been seen, but that he has already thrown his troops somewhere on the coast of North Carolina or into Virginia, that he also may join in the general movement upon the rebel Capital. We cannot speculate the truth of all these statements and speculations, but the scheme of operations that might be evolved from them is very pretty. If all these columns were combined around Richmond, or into grand co-operating columns on its north and south sides, the force would be over a quarter of a million strong, and if they could carry out, on a large scale, the

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NO GENERAL ENGAGEMENT YESTERDAY.

THE OPERATIONS OF SATURDAY.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Saturday, Dec. 13, 1862.

The great battle, so long anticipated between the two contending armies, is now progressing.

The morning opened with a dense fog, which has not entirely disappeared.

Gen. Reynolds' Corps, on the left, advanced at an early hour, and at 9:15 A. M., engaged the enemy's infantry. Seven minutes afterward the rebels opened a heavy fire of artillery, which has continued so far without intermission.

Their artillery fire must be at random, as the fog obstructs all view of almost everything.

Our heavy guns are answering them rapidly. At this writing, no results are known.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Saturday, Dec. 13, 1862.

The fog began to disappear early in the forenoon, affording an unobstructed view of our own and the rebel positions.

It being evident that the first ridge of hills, in the rear of the city, on which the enemy had their guns posted behind works, could not be carried, except by a charge of infantry, Gen. Sumner assigned that duty to Gen. Franklin's Division, which was supported by Gen. Howard's.

The troops advanced to their work at ten minutes before 12 o'clock, at a brisk run, the enemy's guns opening upon them a very rapid fire. When within musket range, at the base of the ridge, our troops were met by a terrible fire from the rebel infantry, who were posted behind a stone wall and some houses on the right of the line. This checked the advance of our men, and they fell back to a small ravine, but not out of musket range.

At this time another body of troops moved to their assistance in splendid style, notwithstanding large gaps were made in their ranks by the rebel artillery. When our troops arrived at the first line of the rebel defenses, they "dug in," and with "fixed bayonets" endeavored to dislodge the rebels from their hiding places.

The concentrated fire of the rebel artillery and infantry, which our men were forced to face, was too much for them, and the centre gave way in disorder, but afterwards they were rallied and brought back.

From that time the fire was spiritedly carried on, and never ceased until after dark.

Gen. Franklin, who commanded the attack on the left, met with better success. He succeeded, after a hard day's fight, in driving the rebels about one mile. At one time the rebels advanced to attack him, but were handsomely repulsed, with terrible slaughter and loss of between four and five hundred prisoners belonging to Gen. A. P. Hill's command. Gen. Franklin's movement was directed down the river, and his troops are encamped to-night not far from the Massaponox Creek.

Our troops sleep to-night where they fought to-day. The dead and wounded are being carried from the field.

The following is a list of officers killed and wounded as far as yet known.

Gen. JACKSON, of the Pennsylvania Reserves, killed.

Gen. BAYARD struck in the thigh by a shell, and afterwards died.

Gen. VINTON wounded in the side, but not seriously.

Gen. GIBSON wounded in the hand.

Gen. KIRKPATRICK wounded in the thigh.

Gen. CALDWELL, wounded in two places, but not seriously.

Col. BICKNELL, of the Pennsylvania Reserves, wounded seriously.

Capt. HENDERSON, commanding the Ninth New-York State Militia, wounded seriously.

The following is the list of officers in the Fifth New Hampshire Regiment:

Col. CROSE, wounded in the abdomen.

Major STURTEVANT, killed.

Adjutant DODD, killed.

Capt. MURRAY, killed.

Capt. PERRY, killed.

The firing of musketry ceased about 6 o'clock this evening, but the rebels continued throwing shells into the city until 8 o'clock.

The position of the rebels was as follows:

Gen. LONGSTREET on the left, and holding the main works.

Gen. A. P. HILL and "Stonewall" JACKSON were in front of Gen. FRANKLIN, with JACKSON's right resting on the Rappahannock, and HILL's forces acting as a reserve.

The troops are in good spirits and not the least disheartened.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Saturday, Dec. 13—10 P. M.

Last night our troops were rapidly pushed across the river, and every preparation made for a battle. Gen. FRANKLIN's Division crossed two miles below the city, while Gen. SUMNER's troops occupied a portion of the town. Gen. FRANKLIN's line was moved forward at sunrise, with his right resting on Fredericksburgh, his centre advanced a mile from the river, and his left resting on the river three miles below.

Skirmishing commenced on the left about daylight. Soon after a rebel battery opened on our lines, and the Ninth New York Militia was ordered to charge, but after a fierce struggle was compelled to retire. The remainder of the Brigade, under Gen. TYLER, then charged the enemy's guns, when the fight became general on the extreme left.

Gen. MEAD's and Gen. GIBSON's Divisions encountered the right of Gen. A. P. HILL's command.

The cannonading was terrific, though our troops suffered but little from the enemy's artillery. Gradually the fight extended around to the right. Gen. HOWE's division went in, and then Gen. BROOKS' division. About 10 o'clock A. M. Gen. SUMNER's troops engaged the enemy back of the city, since which time the battle has raged furiously along the whole line. The enemy, occupying the woods and hills, had a much more advantageous position, but were driven back on their right a mile and a half early in the day.

About noon Gen. GIBSON was relieved by Gen. DOUGLASS, and Gen. MEAD by Gen. STONEMAN. Afterward Gen. NEWTON's Division moved round to the support of the left, when the firing ceased in that portion of the field for a short time, and broke out with greater fierceness in the centre, where our troops were exposed to a plunging fire from the enemy's guns and earthworks from the hills.

Along the whole line the battle has been fierce all day, with great loss to both sides. To-night each army holds its first position, with the exception of a slight advance of our left. Cannonading is still going on, and the musketry breaks out at intervals quite fiercely.

Gen. GIBSON, VINTON, BAYARD and CAMPBELL are wounded. Gen. BAYARD was struck in the hip by a solid shot, while conversing with Gen. FRANKLIN and his staff, and cannot survive. His right leg has been amputated, but the operation will only serve to prolong his life a short time.

Several hundred prisoners have been taken, who report that Gen. LEE's entire army is in the immediate vicinity. Gen. HILL's troops were withdrawn this morning and started down the river, but afterwards returned. Gen. FRANKLIN is to-night opposed to Stonewall JACKSON.

It is impossible to form an accurate idea of the loss on either side, as the firing is still going on, rendering it extremely difficult to remove the killed and wounded.

The city suffered terribly from the enemy's artillery, and is crowded with our troops, the front extending but a short distance beyond.

The balloon has been up all day. During the morning but little could be seen, owing to the dense fog; but the afternoon was remarkably clear.

This evening the rebels have been shelling Fredericksburgh, endeavoring to drive our troops out of the place, but without success.

THE OPERATIONS OF SUNDAY.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF POTOMAC, Dec. 14—11:30 A. M.

There is no fog to-day, the sun shining brightly, with a strong breeze. At daylight this morning there was a heavy fire of artillery and musketry in front of the first line of works, where Gen. SUMNER and HOOKER were engaged yesterday. The fire slackened about an hour afterward, and was heard only at intervals until now. The same occurred in front of Gen. FRANKLIN's Division down the river. The object of both parties was evidently to test the other.

During last night and this forenoon the rebels have considerably extended their works and strengthened their position. Large bodies of troops are now to be seen where but few were to be seen yesterday.

Our dead which were killed yesterday, while charging in front of the enemy's works, still remain where they fell. When attempting their removal last night, the rebels would open fire with infantry, but the wounded have all been removed from the field, and all the dead obtained are now being buried.

The indications are that no decisive battle will

be fought to-day, unless the rebels should bring on the engagement, which they will not probably do.

REPORTS BY WAY OF WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 14.

It is thought here that about 40,000 of our troops were engaged in yesterday's battle.

From information received early this morning, preparations were making all night for a conflict to-day, Gen. BURNSIDE remaining on the field, giving orders, looking to the position and condition of his forces.

Additional surgeons, and everything which the necessities of the wounded require, have been dispatched from Washington to the battle-ground.

It is proper to caution the public against hastily crediting the many unsupported rumors concerning yesterday's battle. Some of them here prevalent have no other basis than surmise, and are mere inventions in the absence of facts.

Rebel sympathizers are responsible for not a few of these fictions.

Gentlemen in high public positions repeat the assertion, as coming from Gen. BURNSIDE, that he has men enough, and, therefore, desires no further reinforcements.

OUR SPECIAL ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

Details of Operations to Saturday Morning.

The Crossing of the Rappahannock.—The Movement Splendidly Performed.—Preponderance of the Union Force.—Condition of Fredericksburgh, &c., &c.

CAMP OPPOSITE FREDERICKSBURG, Saturday, Dec. 13, 1862.

Affairs are rapidly culminating here, and the crisis of battle, the grandest—probably the most decisive—of the war, approaches apace.

The nation may well pause and hold its breath, in the terrible suspense now impending. The prelude of the conflict has passed. The taking of the town by assault, and after a determined fight with the enemy's sharpshooters and skirmishers, and the crossing of the river by a considerable portion of the Union force, are fast bringing the two great armies face to face. To-day—to-morrow at furthest—must witness events which will long live in history. May we hope that the battle will be as decisive as it now promises to be bloody and terrible.

The events of yesterday may be briefly summed up as follows:

Gen. SUMNER's Corps, the Right Grand Division, were across and occupied the town; one Division took possession of the first night, and the remainder of the column passed across the upper bridges in the morning. They filled the whole length of Caroline or Main-street to the line of the railroad, and by degrees extended their front to Commerce-street, and the streets running up from the river, until the body of the town was filled up. They remained under cover of the houses, the streets running nearly North and South being parallel to the line of the enemy's batteries behind the town. The completion of a second pontoon bridge during the first night greatly facilitated the passage of the troops. The first artillery thrown across were the Napoleon batteries attached to Gen. SUMNER's Division.

The enemy's pickets stubbornly occupied the outskirts of the town, and a fusillade between them and our own advance pickets was kept up during the day. The remainder of FRANKLIN's column crossed their two pontoon bridges during the forenoon, two miles below the centre of the town. Their passage, as well as that of Gen. SUMNER's Corps, was disputed by occasional but not very persistent firing from the rebel batteries, which are chiefly to the South and rear of the town, so as to command the line of the railroad, and also the Bowling Green.

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Three times during the day the enemy's battery commanding this crossing opened fire upon the troops which came down, their shells exploding with unaccountable accuracy just at the hinder end of the bridge, on the slope of the hill, and even beyond on the level plain, by which they approached.

Shortly after 3 P. M. HOOKER's column began to move down the river, as it with the design of crossing on the bridges below, where FRANKLIN crossed. Up to a late hour, however, they had not gone over. It is believed they passed the river during the night.

This change in the line was no doubt occasioned by the extraordinary activity displayed by the rebel batteries southeast of the town.

At 5 P. M. the whole semi-circle of batteries in that direction opened fire upon the pontoon bridges, and upon the lower part of the town, where our troops were quartered. Their other batteries, north of the plank-road, and toward Fallmouth, simultaneously poured in their contribution upon the upper crossings, and that part of the town lying in front of it.

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ably accounts for these shells bursting so near it.

We must presume that they were accidental shots, as I believe there is no well authenticated instance of their intentionally firing upon a hospital. It is situated only two hundred yards north of Lieut. MILLER's battery, which is protected by earthworks, and very prominent on the high land below the house. These circumstances render the place unsafe, and it will only be used as a temporary hospital. The wounded will, for the present, be carried to the rear, where tents have been established for their accommodation.

The main body of the rebel army is believed to be in position some five or six, perhaps ten miles west, with a strong rear guard for cooperating with and supporting their batteries.

Estimates which I have heard be correct, we have an aggregate of over sixty thousand men more than the estimated strength of the rebel army. Our artillery figures up over five hundred guns. Considering the difficulties of the situation, the completion of six pontoon bridges, and the crossing of such an army in twenty-four hours, is worthy of all military achievement. The events of the last two days have increased the confidence of the whole army toward its Commander, and strengthened confidence in the General leading the Grand Divisions. With town and river behind us must fight—there is no backing out.

THE TOWN—ITS CONDITION.

Our shot and shell have riddled a great many of the houses in town; and most of the churches, from foundation to steeple, have been accidentally perforated by the storm of missiles which were sent into the town. As the monuments and representatives of a priesthood and people thoroughly baptized in treason, they deserved no exemption from the common doom, but being larger than any other buildings, and very prominently in the range of our fire, they naturally received their full share of the iron storm. The clock in the steeple of the Episcopal church was untouched, and continues to toll off the eventful hours, for the benefit of the Union forces in the town.

In spite of prompt and general efforts to guard the houses from intrusion and pillage, by the establishment of guards, a good many residences have suffered more or less spoliation. House-hold articles, such as cooking utensils, and crockery, pickles, sweetmeats and dainties of bacon, were observed among the troops, as I passed through the different streets. The latter, taken from the meat houses of the first families, no doubt, were generally transfixed on the ends of bayonets, and carried in triumph on their shoulders.

There has been, as yet, no general pillaging of the town, and it will not be permitted. The principal stores have each a strong guard to protect the small stock of goods left behind in the flight of their proprietors.

Not over twenty houses all told, have been burned, and the total damage to the place, by the bombardment and flames, is estimated at not over two hundred thousand dollars.

The few dead who were shot in the streets, have been buried, necessarily in the town, near where they fell. Considering all the terrible circumstances of provocation, the preservation of the town from total destruction, and its whole sale pillage by the army, are in the highest degree creditable to the Union troops, and to their discipline. Inclosed is a list of the killed and wounded as far as ascertained.

I enclose to send the mail.

LIST OF CASUALTIES.

Killed and Wounded in the Battle of Fredericksburgh.

TWENTY-NINTH MASSACHUSETTS.

Capt. Chas. Cabot—killed. J. F. M. Jones—wounded. Corp. Light—right leg. Capt. A. M. Stephens—wounded. Sgt. A. R. Wright—right leg. Capt. A. R. Wright—wounded. Sgt. A. R. Wright—right leg. Capt. A. R. Wright—wounded.

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J. D. Hubbard, private 8th Florida—left thigh shattered; says he was forced in by conscription.

J. G. Sumrall, Co. D, 13th Miss.—thigh broken.

Corp. E. Calhoun, Co. F, 13th Mississippi—knee.

GEN. HOWARD'S DIVISION HOSPITAL.

J. Franklin, Surgeon in charge.

Justus Drowelle, Surgeon of Hospital.

G. Hayward, operating Surgeon.

S. Rizer, operating Surgeon.

THE LOSSES OF SATURDAY.

KILLED.

Gen. Jackson, of the Pennsylvania Reserves.

Gen. Bayard.

Lieut.-Col. Dickinson, commanding battery Fourth United States Artillery.

WOUNDED.

Gen. Thomas Francis Meagher is reported by Col. Nugent shot through the leg.

Gen. Vinton, in the side, but not seriously.

Gen. Gibbon, in the hand.

Gen. Kimball, in the thigh.

Gen. Caldwell, in two places, but not seriously.

Col. Nugent, 69th New York, badly wounded. Has been brought to Aquia Creek, and is on board the steamer Rockland.

Col. Sinclair, of the Pennsylvania Reserves, seriously.

Major Jennings, 26th New York.

Capt. Hendrickson, commanding 9th New York State Militia.

Capt. Cameron, 9th New York.

Capt. Muehle, 9th New York.

Capt. Carpenter, 9th New York.

Capt. Hart, Assistant Surgeon-General to Gen. Tyler.

Capt. Hendrickson, commanding the Ninth New York State Militia—seriously.

Capt. Andrew Mahoney, Co. E, 19th Massachusetts—arm and breast.

Capt. M. Duan, Co. D, 19th Massachusetts—thigh.

Lieut. J. F. Hazlett, Co. E, 106th Pennsylvania—arm.

Lieut. A. R. Benedict, of the Regulars, dangerously wounded.

Fertig, G. Pitcher, Co. G, 50th New York—cheek.

Sgt. R. C. Steward, Co. B, 4th New York—arm.

Sgt. B. McManus, Co. G, 60th New York—thigh.

Sgt. H. I. Carr, Co. G, 19th Massachusetts—leg.

Corp. J. E. Douglas, Co. H, 19th Mass.—wrist.

Corp. J. Cumming, Co. F, 20th Massachusetts—leg.

Chas. Porter, Co. H, 29th Massachusetts—hand.

A. B. Rogers, Co. B, 10th Michigan—arm.

Henry Crum, Co. D, 7th Michigan—leg.

Henry Marbach, Co. I, 7th New York—shoulder.

Patrick Manning, Co. K, 30th Mass.—leg amputated.

Randolph Colwell, Co. B, 19th Massachusetts—side.

Second and Third Vermont Regiments, Vermont Brigade, HOWE's Division, BURNSIDE's Corps. About 11 o'clock, the first man on our side was wounded.

JOHN S. HEAVEN, Company H, Thirty-third New York. A stray ball from the enemy's sharpshooters struck him in the right leg, and fracturing the bone, made amputation necessary. This was the only casualty on our side during the forenoon. Our batteries were planted, two on the extreme right, facing the enemy's intrenchments, above Fredericksburgh; one on the west, another to the south, while the remaining guns belonging to this division were located on the plain, at different points, ready to return the fire of the rebels, should they open upon us. About 2 o'clock, the Second Regiment Pennsylvania Reserve were moved down across the stream below, where it took position for the day, prepared to resist any attempts of the enemy to approach in that direction and destroy the bridges.

About the same time, the enemy opened from several guns in their intrenchments on our batteries facing in that direction, which immediately limbering up, moved several yards further to the front, and returned the fire. Several of our guns on the opposite side of the river also returned the fire. The artillery duel was kept up for some time, resulting in the wounding of four of our men. Gen. BURNSIDE rode out among the troops just before dusk, and was received with tremendous cheering by the troops, who are in the best of spirits. The Fifteenth New York Engineers commenced laying a third bridge near this point about 3 o'clock, but were called off to throw one across the river near Fredericksburgh. The two bridges already completed are guarded by the Seventh Indiana, Col. GAVIN; Seventy-sixth New York, Col. WARD; and Ninety-sixth New York, Lieut. Col. HOWMAN; and Ninety-fifth New York, Col. BIDDLE.

The forces to-night occupy the following positions: Gen. BURNSIDE's corps, to the front and right; Gen. NEWTON's division resting on the river; and Gen. REYNOLDS' corps to the rear and southward. This position is occupied by a wealthy Secessionist—BURNARD, by name—who is now a prisoner here. It is occupied as a hospital for General SWIFT's division, and in charge of Drs. BAILLOU and HALL. It is the general impression that the enemy have proceeded in the direction of Richmond, leaving a small rearguard to dispute our advance. A rumor to the effect that Fort Darling has been taken, occasions much joy among the men, who are disposed to give it credence.

REBEL ACCOUNTS FROM FREDERICKSBURG.

Fredericksburgh, Saturday, Dec. 13.

via Baltimore, Sunday, Dec. 14.

The Richmond Inquirer, of the 17th, has the following:

"Heavy firing is going on at Fredericksburgh. Cannonading troops are engaged. The cannonading is severe. On Thursday last, our batteries stationed below the town opened fire on the gunboats anchored in the stream, consisting of the *Proctor*, *Albatross*, *Essex* and *Resolute*.

The firing lasted an hour and a half, and was very heavy and rapid. Eleven houses were struck, and four completely riddled—the *oert* in the village. No notice was given of an intention to shoot. After the bombardment, the gunboats dropped down the river some distance. The people of the town, like those of Fredericksburgh, are now scattered in the farm-houses and cabins of the adjacent country.

Truly, the Yankees are waging a war of extermination. Abraham LINCOLN is a fit compeer for NASSA SAUL."

IMPORTANT REBEL NEWS.

Movements of the National Forces in North Carolina.

An Attack Expected at Weldon and Petersburg.

The following important items of news are from the Richmond Dispatch of the 12th inst.:

Important movements are on foot in Eastern North Carolina. Twelve regiments left Newbern on Saturday. Some think their destination is Wilmington. The more general belief is, that they design an attack on Weldon and Petersburg. On Sunday two transports and five gunboats ascended the Chowan River, and a land force of ten thousand were seen in motion from Suffolk, indicating a movement on Weldon.

The Raleigh Progress announces the landing of a large Federal force in Gates County. If this be true, an immediate attack on Weldon may be expected.

MEDICAL

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DR. HUNTER'S RED DROPS HAVE BEEN
 recommended by the highest medical authorities, and
 have been used with the most successful results in
 all cases of cholera, dysentery, and other diseases of the
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then find themselves not so easily swayed, and they demand that they can make it. It is a vain attempt to "bust out" and "bust out" is the only way to go. No. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853,

AMUSEMENT

STEAMBOATS.
NEW-HEAVEN, HARTFORD AND
SINGFIELD - Steamers leave dock slip A13: 75
passengers on a trip from New-Heaven at 11 o'clock
or remain on board over night without charge.

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FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

No General Engagement on Sunday or Yesterday.

Desultory Skirmishing Along the Advanced Positions.

The Position of the Two Armies Unchanged.

Continued Preparations for the Second Great Conflict.

Removal of the Wounded to the Washington Hospitals.

Over Seven Hundred Prisoners Captured by Us.

Engagement Between the Gunboats and a Rebel Battery.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Monday Morning, Dec. 16, 1862—11 o'clock.

There was considerable firing yesterday, between the advanced troops of the two armies.

At one time the rebels showed a disposition to move upon Gen. FRANKLIN's force.

Occasionally the rebels would throw a few shells among our troops, just to remind us that they were still there.

With these exceptions, everything was quiet.

There is some skirmishing this morning, with considerable artillery firing.

The body of Gen. BAYARD left for Washington to-day. He was to have been married next Wednesday.

HEADQUARTERS, Monday, Dec. 16—P. M.

The weather to-day has been clear and warm, with a strong southerly wind. The roads are in very good condition.

The position of the two armies remain nearly the same. There was not much artillery firing this afternoon by either party. Those shots the rebels did fire were thrown into the city.

The enemy, who are in plain view, are not idle, but busily employed in strengthening their position.

Most of the wounded, to-day, were removed from the city to this side of the river, as on the renewal of the battle the rebel guns would likely cause its destruction.

Over seven hundred prisoners have been taken since our army crossed the river.

REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 15.

A large number of the wounded from Fredericksburg are expected here to-night or early to-morrow. A number of steamers have been dispatched to Aquia Creek for that purpose. The hospitals here are being rapidly depleted of such as are able to bear removal, to make room for the fresh comers.

Gen. VINTON, who is severely, but not dangerously, wounded in the side, is here under the care of his father, Rev. Dr. VINTON, who came on this morning.

SUNBOAT FIGHT ON THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 15.

On Wednesday evening, our gunboats at Port Royal, about twenty-seven miles from Fredericksburg, were fired into by a rebel battery from the shore, supposed to number twenty heavy guns.

One of the rebel shots struck a coal schooner, wounding Capt. SIMMONS, who has since died.

Another shot struck the *Curlew* on the starboard side, pushing into the engine-room and wounding H. F. SMITH, of Rhode Island, who has since died; also, wounding JAMES DAVIS dangerously, and two others slightly.

The firing was very rapid and continued, until sundown, when the rebel batteries were silenced.

Two schooners, at the commencement of the fight, were lying directly in range of the rebel guns, near the shore, but were brought off safely by the *Teaser*.

Our gunboats laid off the shore until morning, when they again opened upon the rebel battery, but met with no response.

THE OPERATIONS OF FRIDAY.

Continued Skirmishing Throughout the Day—About Two Hundred of our Men Killed and Wounded, &c.

From Our Special Correspondent.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Friday, Dec. 12, 1862.

As I stated in my last letter, the National troops occupy the town of Fredericksburg. During the preceding night FRANKLIN's and a portion of SUMNER's Grand Divisions passed over the river and bivouacked on the opposite bank. Skirmishers were sent to reconnoitre the several streets, and met with much opposition from the rebel sharpshooters, who were posted behind buildings, chimneys and fences. The night was quite dark, and it was with considerable difficulty that the rebels could be discovered in their hiding-places. The skirmishers, however, understood their duty, and displayed much courage in ferreting out the foe. They finally gained their point, and drove the rebels out of the town. As may be naturally supposed, our loss in casualties was not light. Numbers of our men were shot dead, and a great number, considering the nature of the fight, were wounded. During the day and evening our casualties were about 200 killed and wounded. The rebel loss cannot be estimated, as they were not killed and wounded before we got possession of the place.

This morning our troops were massed in the two principal streets of the town running parallel with the river. The upper portion of the town was occupied by the skirmishers, while just at

outside the pickets were stationed. Our force has not made any material change in position to-day. FRANKLIN's troops are bivouacked at the lower end of the place. The troops have not as yet ventured far to the upper end of Fredericksburg, in consequence of the rebel sharpshooters being in position some five hundred yards distant.

This morning, while the rear of SUMNER's column was passing over the upper pontoon, the rebels opened fire from guns in their second tier of earthworks. The shots were well directed, but fortunately our men escaped injury. After firing a few rounds, the rebels ceased. Our batteries near Falmouth replied, and possibly had much to do in silencing the enemy's guns. Nearly all of our batteries, which were planted along the river bank yesterday, were taken across the bridge to-day. They were not, however, excepting those which accompanied FRANKLIN's troops, placed in position, but remained upon the streets, their commander awaiting orders.

This afternoon HOOKER's troops appeared at the upper bridge for the purpose of crossing. The rebels immediately opened a heavy fire upon them. The order was at length countermanded and the troops were marched down to the vicinity of the lower bridge upon which FRANKLIN crossed, and upon which they will cross early to-morrow morning.

To-day, Gen. FRANKLIN sent out artillery and skirmishers to the left of the rebel fortifications. They were met with a vigorous fire from the rebel guns, and made but little progress toward an advance.

Four companies of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry, under Major BEVERIDGE, made a reconnaissance toward the rebel earthworks. They went sufficiently near to count the guns—eight in number—in one battery. The rebels did not offer to fire upon them, probably from the fact of their being unable to depress their guns to the proper degree.

Lieut. KANAKS, of the Sixth United States Cavalry, with four men, forded the river just above Fredericksburg. The water was ascertained to be four feet deep, which rendered the crossing of artillery and supply wagons by the same means impracticable. It is decided that the entire army must cross the river over bridges.

There are now four bridges constructing, two at the upper and two at the lower end of the town.

The appearance of Fredericksburg after the severe cannonading it received yesterday can be readily imagined. Hardly a house stands that has not been penetrated by more or less shots. In the midst of all the shelling, however, some of the citizens remained in their houses, taking refuge in the cellars. Among the citizens I notice a few women. No reliable information could be obtained from the inhabitants in regard to the position and strength of the rebels. As near as I could learn the town was defended yesterday by two Mississippi Regiments, one of which was the Seventeenth.

The number of prisoners taken yesterday and to-day amount to over two hundred. A deserter came in this morning. He reports that the rebels have their lines of earthworks extending a distance of two miles. They are so built as to command every street leading from the river.

Our next movement will be to flank the rebels on their right. Gen. BUTTERFIELD has issued orders to his Staff, to-night, to prepare themselves with five days' rations, it being the intention to pursue the enemy until he is forced to light or surrender. This order would imply that it is not impossible that the enemy may evacuate his position before morning. It is considered a singular circumstance that he has not opened upon us with more continuous and vigorous fire. It is the intention to cross Gen. HOOKER's Grand Division in the morning. The three Grand Divisions will then be across the river. To-morrow a strenuous effort will be made to take the rebel earthworks. If the rebels stand we shall certainly have a terrible conflict.

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THE KILLED AND WOUNDED.

From different sources we have the following names of those killed and wounded to Saturday's engagement: for the most part additional to those already published.

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SIXTY-SIXTH NEW-YORK REGIMENT.

Capt. D. Dodge, Co. D, killed. Michael Shiloh—lost.

Major Knight, 11th Penn. Co., 1st Regt.

Major Jennings, 26th N. Y. Co., 1st Regt.

Capt. Hart, Assistant Adjutant-General to Gen. Taylor.

Capt. J. M. Kent, Co. K, 11th Penn. Co., 1st Regt.

Capt. Hendricks, com'dg 8th N. Y. Co., 1st Regt.

Capt. Kennedy, 5th Pa. Co., 1st Regt.

Capt. A. A. Worth, Co. G, 4th New-York-hand, 1st Regt.

Capt. W. Bliss, Co. E, 4th New-York-hand, 1st Regt.

Capt. L. E. Mullins, Co. I, 1st New-York-hand, 1st Regt.

Capt. Stevens, 16th Maine, 1st Regt.

Capt. Fortier, Co. A, 1st New-York-hand, 1st Regt.

Capt. Williams, 5th N. Y. Co., 1st Regt.

Capt. Moillister, Co. G, 4th New-York-hand, 1st Regt.

Capt. Miller, Co. K, 11th Penn. Co., 1st Regt.

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FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Evacuation of Fredericksburgh by Our Forces.

The Army Again on the Falmouth Side of the Rappahannock.

The Movement Executed with Success.

THE WOUNDED ALL SAFE.

Full Description of the Terrible Battle of Saturday.

Our Losses from Ten to Fifteen Thousand.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

OUR DISPATCH FROM HEADQUARTERS.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
FALMOUTH, Tuesday, Dec. 16—1 1/2 P. M.

During last night the Army of the Potomac evacuated their positions on the opposite side of the river.

The movement was a perilous one but it was conducted in safety.

The artillery was the first to cross over the river. The last of the infantry brought up the rear shortly after daylight.

The enemy never discovered the movement until it was too late to do us any harm.

As soon as the last man had got safely across the river the pontoon bridges were removed, thus cutting off all communication between the two shores.

Our wounded are all safe and on this side of the river.

There was a heavy wind all last night, accompanied with considerable rain, which assisted us in our movement, as it prevented the rebels from learning our intentions.

SPECIAL DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Sabbath with the Army of the Potomac passed with comparative quiet, and there was only occasional firing between pickets, and desultory shots from the enemy's batteries. The movement of the army on its withdrawal from Fredericksburgh to the north bank of the Rappahannock began at dark on Monday night, and was successfully accomplished before daylight next morning. All the sick and wounded were removed during the day to hospital tents on this side, with the apparent purpose, on the part of Gen. Burnside, of renewing the engagement in the afternoon of that day. Those most seriously wounded were conveyed on stretchers and in ambulances, while every one able to do so walked across. The middle pontoon bridge was chiefly used, that being more out of range of the enemy's batteries at the lower part of the town.

Gen. Burnside inspected the position of the troops in the afternoon, in the town, and was greeted with cheers which must have been distinctly heard in the enemy's lines. Activity throughout every department indicated that a battle was imminent. The Irish Brigade assembled in and around the theatre, where the ceremony of presenting to it a set of beautiful colors, just sent from New-York City, was gone through with, Gen. Meade making an address. The enemy's batteries kept a regular fire upon the upper crossing, in order to retard the passage of the troops. The surgeons were ordered to be in readiness to receive and care for a large number of additional wounded, and red flags were displayed on the tops of many of the large houses in town which were to be used for temporary hospitals.

The withdrawal of our forces from Fredericksburgh had, however, been determined on at a council of all the Corps Commanders during the day. It was regarded as a perilous undertaking, but one that, if successful, would rescue the army from the necessity of risking another battle, with the prospect of accomplishing little except the destruction of valuable lives.

The troops had received no intimation of their having to retreat, and had laid down rest to upon their arms for the night. The order then for them to fall in, many supposed it was for a night assault upon the enemy's works, and were not unduly alarmed until they found themselves upon the pontoon bridges actually returning across the stream.

A heavy gale of wind, which blew all sound away from the rebel lines, greatly facilitated the movement. Bridges were covered with earth, to deaden the sound of the moving columns, and a dark night hid every object from view.

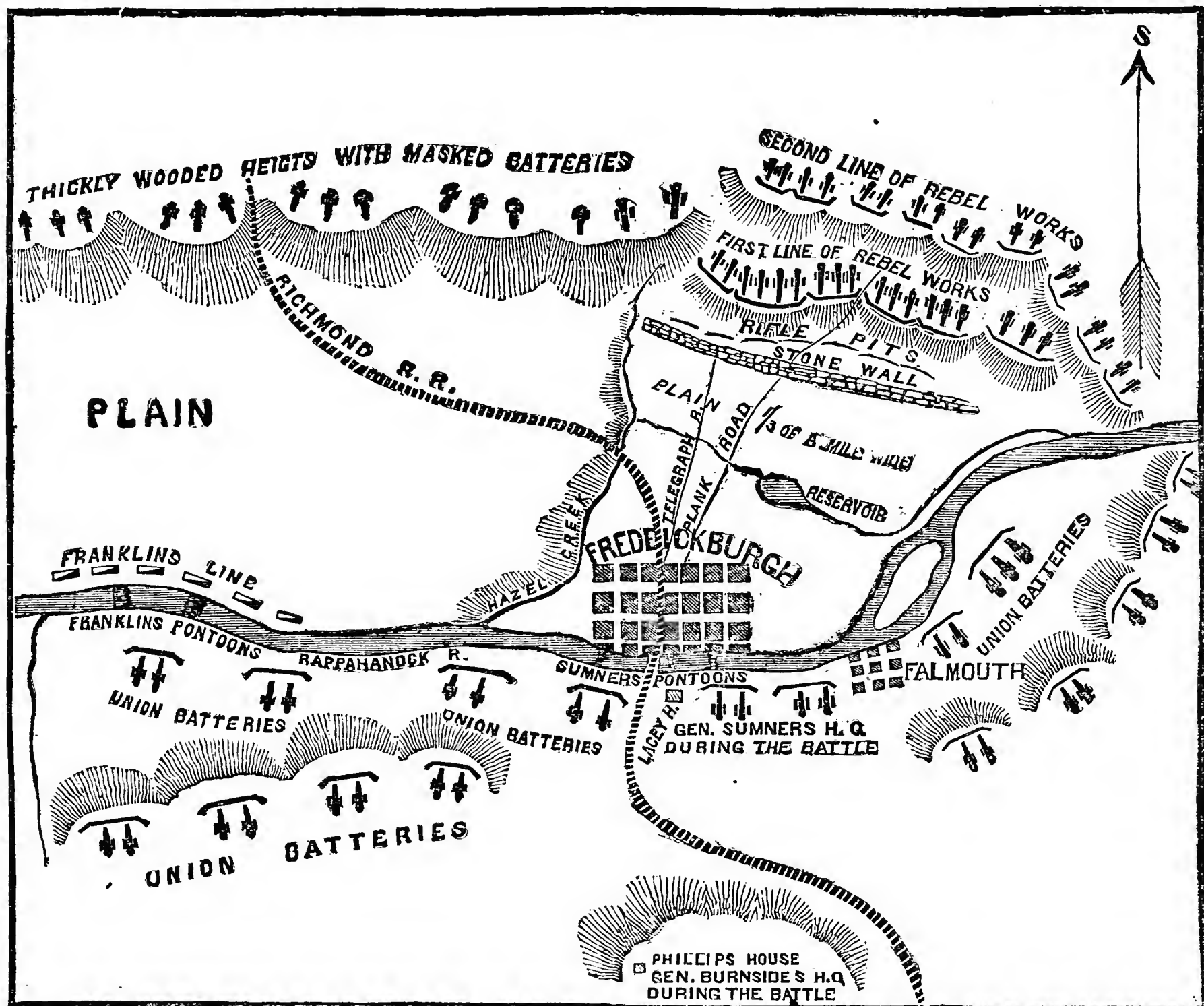
Gen. Franklin's Grand Division, occupying the extreme left, began to move as soon as it was dark, and the right and centre of Gen. Sumner and Hoxie took up the line of march almost simultaneously, moving in good order, but silently away from under the very guns of the enemy.

All three of the crossings were used, making six bridges. No accident of consequence occurred. The troops obeyed with alacrity every order, and waited with patience their turn to cross. The artillery and infantry alternated in moving columns, very much in the order in which they went into battle.

Many officers and soldiers expressed great regret at being withdrawn from before the enemy, saying that they would have preferred dying in front of the rebel batteries. Nevertheless, every one acquiesced in the wisdom of the movement.

Saw only of the wounded are believed to have

THE SCENE OF SATURDAY'S ACTION.



been left on the field within reach of the enemy's rifle pits.

Two brigades, belonging to Gen. Burnside's corps, occupy the town as advanced pickets. Our artillery, placed on the higher bank of the river, will cooperate in keeping possession of the town.

The movement, from beginning to end, was a complete success, and the various commands returned to their former encampments to repose.

At sunrise on Tuesday morning our heavy guns were opened on the rebel batteries, but elicited little response.

THE BATTLE OF FREDERICKSBURG.

Full and Reliable Details from Our Special Correspondent.

PHILLIPS HOUSE, HEADQUARTERS OF GEN. SUMNER,
OPPOSITE FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Saturday—
Midnight, Dec. 13, 1862.

The battle of Fredericksburgh, which has been raging since 10 o'clock this morning, without a moment's pause, was closed by darkness to-night. In its duration, its intensity, if not, also, in the losses it has occasioned, it caps the climax of the whole series of the battles of the campaign. The Nation will stand aghast at the terrible price which has been paid for its life when the realities of the battle-field of Fredericksburgh are spread before it.

Unhappily, like many of our engagements, though serving to illustrate the splendid valor of our troops, it has failed to accomplish the object sought. The sequel alone can tell whether the work of to-day is to be the prelude to a glorious victory or an ignominious defeat. But the result thus far leaves us with a loss of from ten to fifteen thousand men, and absolutely nothing gained. Along the whole line the rebels held their own. Again and again we have hurled forward our masses on their position. At each time the hammer was broken on the anvil!

I have no heart, in the mood which the events of to-day have inspired, to write other than a bald record of facts. Whatever there was in the battle scene of picturesqueness or sublimity—and viewed merely as a spectacle a great battle displays these qualities in a way that no manifestation of natural forces or of human energy ever can—must shrink and shrivel before the awful earnestness of the issue. Of course at this moment it is impossible to give more than the most general impressions—the phenomena of a battle are too multifarious and complicated for the resources of any one observer; and the man does not live who can reproduce with life and truth the reality of even the smallest engagement.

The theatre of operations to-day extended from Fredericksburgh on the right and down the south side of the Rappahannock for two miles. The accompanying diagram, together with a brief description, may serve to make the account a little clearer.

Immediately behind the town of Fredericksburgh, the land forms a plateau, or smooth field, running back for about a third of a mile. It then rises for forty or fifty yards, forming a ridge of ground, which runs along to the left for about a quarter of a mile, where it abuts at Hazel Dell, a ravine formed by the Hazel River, which empties into the Rappahannock, west of the town. At the foot of the ridge

runs the telegraph road, flanked by a stone wall. This eminence was studded with rebel batteries. To the right, along up the river, the ridge prolongs itself to opposite Falmouth, and beyond; and here, too, batteries were planted on every advantageous position. Back of the first ridge is another plateau, and then a second terrace of wooded hills, where a second line of fortifications were placed. Between the rear of the town and the first ridge, a canal runs right and left, and empties into the river some distance above Falmouth.

This plain, of a third of a mile deep, between the suburbs of Fredericksburgh and the first ridge of hills, was the theatre of operations of the Right Grand Division of the army, under Major-Gen. Sumner. On this narrow theatre our brave troops surged and swept, forward and backward, in the tide of battle, for ten long hours.

A word now on the scene of operations of the Left Grand Division.

From the lower part of the town the ridge on which it is built slopes abruptly down to a comparatively level or undulating country, which stretches for some miles down the Rappahannock. About a couple of miles back of the river it rises into a wooded slope. At a point a mile and a half below Fredericksburgh, two pontoons had been thrown across on Thursday morning, and on Friday the whole of the Left Grand Division, under the command of Maj.-Gen. Franklin, had marched over the river. Daylight of Saturday found the force drawn up in battle array on this broad plain skirting the Rappahannock.

The battle-ground, though very marshy in some places, presented a fine field for military evolutions. The turnpike leading to Fredericksburgh runs about one-half of a mile from and nearly parallel to the river. Beyond is the railroad, and still further beyond, the woody range of hills in which the enemy were strongly entrenched. About a mile and a half from Fredericksburgh, nearly on the river edge, is the town of Fredericksburgh, and still further beyond, the woody range of hills in which the enemy were strongly entrenched. About a mile and a half from Fredericksburgh, nearly on the river edge, is the town of Fredericksburgh, and still further beyond, the woody range of hills in which the enemy were strongly entrenched.

The line of battle as it appeared in the morning, was as follows: The Sixth Army Corps, under Gen. Smith, (Franklin's old force), on the right, composed of three divisions, namely: Gen. Newton, on extreme right and rear; Gen. Burks, on the centre, and Gen. How, on the left.

The First Army Corps, Gen. Reynolds', extending still further to the left, drawn up in the following order: Gen. Gibson's Division on the right, connecting with Gen. How's; Gen. Meade's, centre, and Gen. Doubleday, left, fronting to the southward and resting nearly on the river. This constituted the order in which our forces were drawn up, there being three distinct lines of battle.

Opposed to our right, under Gen. Sumner, was the rebel left, under command of Gen. Longstreet. Opposed to our left, under Gen. Franklin, was the rebel right, under Gen. Jackson. Gen. Lee, Generalissimo of the Southern army, was in person in command of the Confederate forces during the whole day.

The plan of Gen. Burnside, agreed upon in Council of War, was to endeavor to pierce the rebel centre. Early on the morning of Saturday the order was given that Sumner's left, composed of the Ninth Army Corps, under command of Gen. Wilcox, should be extended until it reached Franklin's right—thus

forming a continuous line of battle along the river for two miles, the left resting on the river at the point where the lower pontoons cross, and the right on Fredericksburgh. The left wing, comprising the whole of Franklin's command, (fifty thousand men,) should then swing round, as on a pivot formed by Sumner's extreme right, resting on Fredericksburgh. If successful in this manoeuvre, Franklin would divide the rebel line, take possession of the railroad, (the line of retreat), and come in on the flank of the rebel works back of Fredericksburgh. While this movement was being developed, a division was to be sent up from Gen. Sumner's command, by the plank road, to storm the ridge. If there should be any failure in this, it was hoped the cooperation of Franklin would presently make success certain. Hooker's corps was destined to act as a reserve.

The dawn of Saturday found the forces distributed as thus indicated. It was a fine Virginia morning—mild and balmy as a September day, though the mist and fog of a late Indian Summer hung over the field of battle. About 8 o'clock, the Phillips House (the headquarters of Gen. Sumner, about a mile from the river on the north side, and where, by the kind hospitality of the large-hearted old soldier, I had been staying for some time during a spell of camp-fever) was the scene of a numerous assemblage of officers. Gen. Burnside and Gen. Hooker joined Gen. Sumner here, and the balcony and grounds in front were presently filled with officers and Aides.

It was with alarm and pain I found a general want of confidence and gloomy forebodings among some men whose sound judgment I had learned to trust. The plan of attacking the rebel stronghold directly in front would, it was feared, prove a most hazardous enterprise, and one of which there is no successful example in military history. It was doubted that the cooperation of the right and left, according to the programme, would admit of practical executions, and things were generally at loose ends. "The chess-board," said Napoleon at Wagram, "is dreadfully confused; there is but I that see through it." We all felt that the first part of the remark was applicable to our own case. But did we all feel equally confident that there was in our case an "I" that "saw through it"?

About 11 1/2 o'clock I crossed the Rappahannock on the upper pontoon bridge, and passed through the town of Fredericksburgh, along the main street. At this time brisk skirmishing was going on in the outskirts of the town, the rebel sharpshooters stubbornly contesting every inch of the ground as our skirmishers advanced. Caroline, or Main-street, was occupied by Gen. Kimball's, Gen. Ferrero's, and Acting Gen. Zook's Brigades, with portions of Hancock's Division; the latter, with his artillery, lined the bank of the river in the neighborhood of the middle crossing, which is just below the railroad bridge. Other troops from the corps of Oens, Wilcox and Corcoran occupied the other streets of the town nearer the line of advance. Our batteries replied across the river, covering the advance of our forces.

In the meantime Franklin had been for a couple of hours briskly engaged with the enemy on the left. The force in Fredericksburgh had driven the rebels out of the suburbs of the town and rested their column on the canal. The time had now come to attempt an advance on the rebel position.

The orders were to move rapidly; charge up the

hill and take the batteries at the point of the bayonet. Orders easy to give, but, ah! how hard of execution! Look at the position to be stormed.

There is a bare plateau of a third of a mile, which the storming party will have to cross. In doing so they will be exposed to the fire, first, of the enemy's sharpshooters, posted behind a stone wall running along the base of the ridge—of a double row of rifle-pits on the rise of the crest—of the heavy batteries behind strong field-works that stud the top of the hill—of a powerful infantry force now lying concealed behind the crest of a plunging fire from the batteries on the lower range—of a double enfilading fire from "cannon to right of them, cannon to left of them." Sebastopol was not half as strong.

The line of battle was formed by Coates's Corps, (the Second,) composed of the Divisions of Francis, Hancock and Howard, the left of the line abutting on Slocum's Division of Wilcox's Corps, (the Ninth.) The first advanced was Farnum's, composed of the brigades of Kimball, Morris and Warren, supported by Hancock's Division, consisting of the Brigades of Caldwell, Zook and Meagher.

Forming his men under cover of a small knoll in the rear of the town, skirmishers were deployed to the left toward Hazel Dell; Slocum, supporting at the same time, moved up, and rested on a point on the railroad.

The moment they exposed themselves on the railroad, forth burst the deadly hail. From the rifle-pits came the murderously aimed missiles; from the batteries, tier above tier, on the terraces, shot planes of fire; from the enfilading cannon, distributed on the arc of a circle two miles in extent, came cross showers of shot and shell.

Imagine, if you can, for my resources are unequal to the task of telling you, the situation of that gallant but doomed division.

Across the plain for a while they swept under this fatal fire. They were literally mowed down. The bursting shells make great gaps in their ranks; but these are presently filled by the "closing up" of the line. For fifteen immortal minutes at least they remain under this fiery surge. Onward they press, though their ranks grow fearfully thin. They have passed over a greater part of the interval and have almost reached the base of the hill, when brigade after brigade of rebels rise up on the crest and pour in fresh volleys of musketry at short range. To those who, through the glass, looked on, it was a painful sight indeed. Flesh and blood could not endure it. They fell back shattered and broken, amid shouts and yells from the enemy.

Gen. Farnum's Division went into the fight six thousand strong; late at night he told me he could count but fifteen hundred!

The fire of the rebel batteries was not the only thing from which our men had to suffer. Thinking to silence the enemy's guns, our batteries planted on the bluff, on the north side of the river, embracing the 4 1/2 acre guns, some batteries of 20-pounder Parrots and the artillery of the left and left centre opened fire. The intervening space is between twenty-seven hundred and three thousand yards; too great a distance to calculate on the projectiles carrying with accuracy—particularly contractors' ammunition. If shell should fall short, or take an oblique direction, and explode among our troops, it would be difficult to

see how a panic could be prevented. Promptly seeing this danger, Gen. Hunt, Chief of Artillery, instantly dispatched orders to cease firing. It was well he did so, for immediately afterward an Aid came galloping from Gen. Coates, from the other side of the river, begging that our batteries should cease, as they were actually firing into his command!

While the broken column retires to its original position in the outskirts of the town, to re-form for a new encounter, let us see what goes on on the left.

At daylight, the forces comprising the left Grand Division of the army appeared drawn up in battle array on the broad plain below Fredericksburgh and skirting the Rappahannock.

At early morn the Thirteenth Massachusetts, Pennsylvania Bucktails, and two or three other regiments, were deployed in front as skirmishers, between whom and the rebel skirmishers considerable firing took place. No sooner, however, had the heavy mist cleared away, than Capt. Hall's Battery, (Second Maine,) planted at the right of Gmeke's Division, opened fire upon the rebels. Artillery firing now became general along the whole line, which was returned by the rebels. Heavy siege guns in our rear, the First Maryland, First Massachusetts Batteries, and Battery D Fifth Artillery, on the right; Capt. Rawson's, and Capt. Walker's in front, and Cowan's New-York, and Lieut. Haas's Third New-York Independent on the left, and other batteries, kept up a terrific fire on the rebels. Orders now came to advance, and about 9 o'clock Gibson's and Meade's Divisions commenced moving slowly forward.

Gen. Meade's command, consisting of the Pennsylvania Reserves, arranged in the following order: First Brigade, embracing the First, Second, one Hundred and Twenty-first and Sixth Regiments at the left; Second Brigade—Third, Fourth, Seventh and Eighth, centre; and Third Brigade, (Jackson's,) Fifth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth, at the right.

The advance resulted in almost straightening our lines, which were before somewhat of a crescent.

Considerable resistance was met with, yet the forces continued to move forward, until at mid-day the line of battle was three-quarters of a mile in advance of where it had been at the outset. But now came the reserve fire of the enemy with terrific force. Shot, shell and canister were poured into our men from various points, while the rebel infantry appearing, fired with repitilly. Still they continued to press on. Several batteries moved forward at the same time. As our troops saw the enemy giving way, cheer after cheer rent the air.

About 1 o'clock, Gen. Meade ordered a charge, which was well executed—the men pressing on the edge of the very crest, and skillfully penetrating by a movement on the flank, an opening which happened to occur between the Division of A. P. Hill and Early's Brigade, captured several hundred prisoners belonging to the Sixty-first Georgia and Thirty-first North Carolina.

While the fight was progressing at this point, the enemy sent four heavy columns down on our left, near the river. They were handsomely repulsed and driven back, however, by Gen. Doubleday's Division—Cowan's New-York and Lieut. Haas's Fourth Artillery, and Third New-York Batteries aiding very materially in the discomfiture of the enemy. Owing to the lack of reinforcements, Gen. Meade's command was obliged to fall back a quarter of a mile, where they remained—three-quarters of a mile beyond the ground first occupied.

Very heavy musketry firing continued along the line, neither side gaining any material advantage. About 1 1/2 o'clock the first line of battle in Gen. Gibson's Division was relieved by the second, when Towse's Brigade, now commanded by Col. Root, charged over an open field beyond the railroad, and down into the edge of the woods, occupying the breastworks which the enemy had constructed here, and capturing 200 prisoners, belonging to the Thirty-sixth North Carolina and a South Carolina regiment. Gen. Greene was severely wounded in the right hand. They held their own for some time, but were eventually compelled to fall back. The Second Maine Battery advanced with Gibson's Division. When it fell back, three guns were left to bear upon the advancing enemy. An order came at that moment to cease firing, as the force coming from the woods were our own men. When it had advanced, however, to within fifty yards, the Commander of the battery became convinced that they were rebels, and moving on to capture this battery, five guns were opened upon them, but after five rounds had been fired, the battery was ordered to fall back. Having fallen back the Captain called for volunteers to return and bring off the battery. Sergeant Bazar, Sergeant Swann, Corporal G. Gaskin, and twelve men belonging to the 15th Maine Regiment, stepped forward. The undertaking though a hazardous one, proved successful, as the abandoned gun was brought off in safety. It was while the fight was progressing at this point that Gen. Bayard was fatally wounded. He had just reached Gen. Franklin's headquarters in a small grove of the Bernard House, and taken a seat under one of the trees, when a ball, striking a few yards in front of him, glanced and then went through his thigh, inflicting a fearful wound. He was immediately conveyed to the Bernard House and placed in charge of Dr. Phillips, Surgeon of the Brigade. As he was lying on the couch, the Chaplain of the Maine Light Cavalry approached and inquired if he desired him to write anything for him. "By-and-by," he replied; then turned to Surgeon Hooker, he inquired if he should be able to live forty-eight hours. A negative answer being given, he further inquired if he should die easy. Several of the surgeons to attendance thought his life might be saved by amputating the wounded limb, but the chances were so small he preferred not to undergo the operation. He was perfectly sensible, and never for once lost that self-possession which has always characterized him on the field of battle.

About 2 o'clock Gen. Burnside's Division, of Gen. Hooker's Grand Division, which had been delayed for some time in crossing by the enemy's shells,

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THE GREAT NAVAL PROBLEM

**A Naval Commission Witnesses the Experiment—
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We, the undersigned, having carefully examined the steamer *Great Eastern*, and the repairs, which have been done in a scientific and workmanlike manner, are of opinion that she is in every way seaworthy and in a condition to carry passengers with safety and comfort, and a full cargo of any description, to any

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Extra Illinois in Indiana, Michigan &c.....\$6.200 \$5.950
Extra Ohio, round nose shipping brands.....\$6.250 \$6.500
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Extra Michigan.....\$6.400 \$6.500
Extra Indiana.....\$6.450 \$6.500

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GRAIN—What is taken in is in demand, mainly for exportation, butting prices. So far none of our last crop has been sold.

WHEAT—White Western, extra, at \$5.750. Amber Western at \$5.350. Dark Western, (Winter), at \$5.200. Extra Iowa and Wisconsin, at \$5.200 per bushel.

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LEGE will be celebrated at Irving Hall on FRIDAY
EVENING, Dec. 17, at 8 o'clock.**

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The steamer *Ericsson*, which put into this port for a supply of coal, left on Wednesday morning to rejoin the fleet. On Thursday morning two more vessels belonging to Banks' expedition, the *Quincy*, with four companies of the Forty-second Massachusetts Volunteers, and the steamer *Salvo*, which came in for coal and water, had her water supply, and departed yesterday. The *Quincy* had suffered an accident to her boiler, and will leave as soon as the damage can be repaired. The four companies of the One Hundred and Fourteenth New York, from the *Thames*, will be sent forward on the *Salvo*, which will be ready for their reception by Sunday, and the *Thames* will be sent back. A paper is about to be started in Beaufort on a large scale. The sheet is to be of the size of the *New York Tribune*, and will be devoted to the interests of the anti-slavery cause. The printers, type and 3,000 reams of paper have already arrived by the steamer *Star of the South*, and a large box cylinder press is to come by the next steamer. It is rumored that the whole affair is at the expense of the Government, and that the papers, if they do not circulate at a nominal price, will be given away. One of Gen. Serrano's aids had arrived, and we expect the General.

A Fleet Sighted on the Florida Coast.
The bark *Anna*, Capt. Wenzel, from New Orleans, arrived this morning. She reports that she saw the 9th fleet, at 6 P. M., off St. Augustine, Fla., six large steamers bound South. As it was not sufficiently light, she could not distinguish them particularly, but judged from the course they were steering that they were bound further south than Florida.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.
WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 17.
SENSATION RUMORS.

There have been current for the last few days, without the least foundation except such as the imaginations of the inventors can supply. Among them are the landing of Gen. Banks in North Carolina; the arrest of Senator Sullivant; a visit of the President to Gen. McClellan; the capture of Mr. Corbin by the rebels at Fredericksburg; the retreat of Gen. Burnside upon Washington, followed by Stonewall Jackson, etc.

THE FREDERICKSBURG WOUNDED.
Eighteen hundred and sixty-two wounded from Fredericksburg arrived here early this morning, and twelve hundred more are expected to-morrow. The majority of these are only slightly wounded. The more serious cases will be brought up in a day or two. Surgeon-General Hammond is still at Falmouth, superintending the care and removal of the wounded. **THE MISSISSIPPI EXPEDITION IS DELAYED.**
It has leaked out at last that the Quartermaster's Department must bear the blame for the delay in the long-talked-of expedition down the Mississippi, in consequence of the failure to furnish supplies of coal in season.

FINANCE IN CONGRESS.
The Senate Finance Committee having been fully organized by the appointment of Senator Rice vice Senator Pearce, had another protracted session yesterday. The Committee are about equally divided respecting the Secretary's scheme, and have determined to take no definite action until the Secretary submits his new bill. They will not agree, either, to a further issue of greenbacks.

THE WAY AND MEANS COMMITTEE ARE ALSO A GOOD DEAL DIVIDED, AND IT IS BELIEVED BY THE BEST INFORMED ON THE COMMITTEE, THAT A MAJORITY ARE DECIDEDLY AVERSE TO A FURTHER ISSUE OF TREASURY NOTES.
THE GOVERNORSHIP OF FLORIDA.
The Vice-President to-day presented to the President an application, numerously and influentially signed, for the office of Military Governor of Florida for Hon. Eli Thayer.

GEN. WADSWORTH IS STILL HERE, AND HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE COMMAND OF GEN. KING'S DIVISION. GEN. SERRANO IS ALSO HERE FROM THE WEST.
TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 17.
THE MAYOR FOR A NAVY-YARD, ETC.

The majority report upon the selection of a site for a Navy-yard and Naval Depot, signed by Rear-Admiral STRANAHAN, Commodore GARDNER, Commodore VAN BUREN, and Engineer SARGENT, makes choice of New-London, in preference to League Island, Narragansett Bay being objectionable on account of fog. It claims for New-London superiority in the way of access, obstructions from drift and moving ice, safe anchorage, adaptation to construction of dry dock, grading or filling site, range of tides, facility of currents and healthfulness of location. The report makes League Island and New-London equal in facility for providing workmen and supplies, cost of site, security against attack, depth of water and supply of fresh water, and gives League Island the superiority in the facility of obtaining coal and iron, and fresh water better for preserving the bottoms of vessels.

The minority report of Professor BACH and Lieutenant-Commander THOMAS S. PEARCE, gives League Island the preference in defensibility against exposure to violent winds, area of anchorage, preparation of site, facility for procuring supplies, and differing to New-London in only two points, namely, health and exposure to ice.

MEMORIAL FOR A RAILROAD.
The City Councils of Washington to-day memorialized Congress to aid the construction of the Metropolitan Railroad from this city to Hagerstown, and from there to the deep waters of the Chesapeake—the latter twenty miles. The memorializers state, that by a road to Point of Rocks, fifty-one miles of transportation in effect, three millions of dollars annually could be saved to the Government. The railroad company furnish one-third or one-fourth the capital, and ask the Government to guarantee bonds for the remainder of the sum. Necessary for the construction, the cost per mile not to exceed \$50,000. The whole line could soon be constructed. The point is made that all capital have several diverging railroads, and Richmond has also, that the navigation of the Potomac is liable to obstruction from natural or military causes.

THE PENSION BILL.
The Invalid Pension Bill appropriates yearly \$5,000,000 for the year ending with June, 1904, of which there are for invalid pensions under various acts \$2,000,000; pensions to revolutionary widows, \$250,000; pensions to soldiers and sailors, under the acts of 1836, 1848, 1852 and 1856, \$3,500,000; navy invalid pensions, \$125,000; navy sailors and orphans, \$500,000; privateers invalid pensioners, \$500.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL.
The Deficiency Bill for the year ending with June, 1903, appropriates \$108,500,000, including the following: Supplies for the Quartermaster's Department, \$5,000,000; for the purchase of horses, \$11,000,000; transportation and supplies, \$25,000,000; barracks and hospitals, \$1,730,000; clothing and equipment, \$2,136,000; for the support of the fleet of steamers, \$450,000; arms and ordnance, \$13,270,000; gunpowder and lead, \$1,500,000; Medical Department, nearly \$4,500,000; surveys for military defense, \$50,000; subsistence, \$18,163,000.

THE PROPOSED COLONIZATION OF FLORIDA.
To-day a highly influential delegation of members of both Houses of Congress, with Vice-President HAMMILL at their head, waited on the President with a request numerously signed by loyal men of Florida, asking for the appointment of Hon. Eli Thayer as Military Governor of that State, with authority to raise twenty thousand loyal emigrants. They also presented to the President a paper signed by one hundred and thirty-four members of the Senate and House earnestly concurring in the request of the loyal men of Florida, and a paper from Maj.-Gen. HAMMILL, in command of the Department of the South, to the same effect. The Committee were well satisfied with the interview.

THE McDOWELL COURT OF INQUIRY.
WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 17.
In the McDowell Court of Inquiry, to-day, Maj.-Gen. RUTENFORD was examined, and contradicted a portion of the testimony of PETER CLARK, with reference to the alleged spy, LITTLE. He stated also that he was instructed by Gen. McDowell to preserve the growing crops in order to secure them for the use of the army. He thought they were subsequently harvested for the use of our army. He further proved that the good effect of Gen. McDowell's orders in this particular had a fine effect on the discipline of his troops, and that the subsequent change in the policy had a very bad effect on the discipline of the army.

Brig. Gen. WADSWORTH testified to Gen. McDowell's efficiency as a Corps Commander. He did not believe Gen. McDowell was instrumental in having the Department of the Rappahannock formed, for he had expressed to him his regret at having his command separated from the Army of the Potomac. The reason why McDowell did not join the Army of the Potomac at a subsequent period (as the witness was informed) was, he did not think the number of troops which would thus be left for the defense of Washington would be sufficient. The Court adjourned till to-morrow morning.

THE WAR IN ARKANSAS.
The losses in the Battle of Prairie Grove—The Position of the Rebel Forces, etc.—FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Dec. 15.—The particulars of the battle of Prairie Grove have been received. The official report puts the loss in killed and wounded in Hixson's command at 843; Hixson's, 125; total 968. Later accounts increase the rebel loss to 2,700, and nearly 600 by desertion. Thirty-two commissioned officers in Hixson's command were killed or wounded.

The following is the latest information by our spies: HIXSON was on the south side of the Arkansas River, with all infantry and artillery. MAMMATH was on the north side with a heavy cavalry force. Our outposts watch within 20 miles of Van Buren. Forage, south of the Boston Mountains, is said to be entirely consumed. Great activity prevails in the Federal army. A campaign of much interest is on the tapis.

Hixson had only 3,500 men in battle, the remainder of his force falling to come up on account of excessive fatigue. Major HIXSON, of the First Missouri Cavalry, who was a prisoner in the hands of the enemy on the day of battle, counted 22 regiments of infantry, 10 regiments of cavalry and 22 pieces of artillery on the retreat.

Hixson, yesterday, had the impudence, by a flag of truce, to ask privilege to send a topographical engineer to make a drawing of the late battle field of Prairie Grove and its approaches. BURNETT refused that he would grant the request when he allowed an engineer to make a survey of Van Buren and surroundings.

Amusements.
GERMAN OPERA.—A good performance of BREITENBURGER "Fidelio" attracted an excellent house here last night—composed, we think, of equal parts of Americans and Germans. It is a work that improves steadily on acquaintance, that we are not surprised at its increasing favor with the public. Now that there is no Italian opera, an evening at its German substitute is probably and pleasantly employed. It affords a new and almost unexplored field of enjoyment. The artists, last evening, were in excellent voice. We have seldom heard that meritorious singer and actress, Mme. JOHANNSEN, to greater advantage. Mme. ROTTER, who has developed the entire responsibility of the first act, was also in fine condition, and in the opening scene contributed in a large measure to the success which was obtained for the quartette. Messrs. LORIN and WENZEL sang with spirit and effect—especially the last named gentleman. The prison chorus in the first act has been heard to greater advantage at this house, and what we can seldom say as we have been accustomed to hear it. It was only in the overture to *Leonore*, preceding the third act, that we recognized the experienced *chorus* of its steady chief.

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Bark Anna Wheeler, New-Orleans 14 d., with sugar to master. Dec. 9, at (A. M.), lat. 28, lon. 80, passed a large steamer, str. B.

Bark Glenwood, Bayland, Rio Janeiro Oct. 28, in ballast to Jones Smith & Co. Have had heavy weather the entire passage. With mail, lat. 34, lon. 17, experienced a hurricane.

Bark Mulholland, (of Dartmouth) Bailey, Beaufort, N. C. 5 d., with naval stores to B. C. Murray.

Bark New-Brunswick, (Br. of Bristol) Hopped, Port Grand, Cape of Good Hope, Nov. 24, to George F. Bailey.

Brig Wm. B. Nash, of Cherryfield, Small, Messina Nov. 2, passed Gibraltar 11th, with fruit to Moore & Smith, New-York.

Schr. P. A. Bridge, of City Island, N. Y., Cork, East Evening Star, for New-Haven, sailed the day previous, with mail, lat. 34, lon. 17, with wool to George F. Bailey.

Brig Achilles, (Ital.) Ferrari, Messina Oct. 18, passed Gibraltar Oct. 17, with fruit to order.

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NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, DEC. 20, 1862.

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ARTISTS' FUND SOCIETY EXHIBITION—No. 625 Broadway.
GOULD'S GALLERY—CURRIER'S NIAGARA.
BROADWAY MENAGERIE—COMPLETE SCHOOL OF NATURE HISTORY.
PALACE OF MUSIC HALL—BUCKLEY'S SEASIDE.
LECTURE-ROOM—No. 127 Bowery—VANTALOGUE.
GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—LE NOIR DE FINAGE.
NEW HALL OF ART—No. 651 Broadway—BASTARD'S PARADISE OF THE MISTRESS.
IRVING HALL—PILGRIMAGE SOCIETY.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

A brief dispatch from Fortress Monroe, dated yesterday, gives us the highly important intelligence that Kinston, N. C., has been captured by Gen. FOSTER, who secured five hundred prisoners and eleven pieces of artillery. The rebel General—EVANS—who was in command at Kinston, on the 14th inst. telegraphed to the rebel War Department that Gen. FOSTER had attacked the place with 15,000 men and nine gunboats, and that, after a ten hours' fight, the National forces were repulsed. He took care to say, however, that Gen. FOSTER was still "in his front," and the sequel shows that he said "in front" until he saw the enemy's rear. The details of this brilliant operation will be awaited with much interest. Kinston, it will be seen by a glance at the map, is but twenty miles from Goldsboro, situated on the Neuse River, where it is crossed by the Atlantic and Carolina Railroad. Gen. FOSTER is doubtless by this time in Goldsboro, and has command of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad.

All was quiet yesterday with the Army of the Potomac. The enemy strongly picketed the river along our front. Official reports of our losses during the late battle make the number less than has been previously reported—less than 1,400 killed and 8,000 wounded. We lost 900 prisoners, and captured about as many. We give this morning Gen. LEE's full official report of the battle, forwarded by one of our correspondents. He puts down the rebel loss at 1,800 killed and wounded. Gen. T. R. R. COSS was killed, and Gen. MAXCY GREGG wounded, probably mortally. We learn from Yorktown of a brilliant reconnoissance of Gloucester County, Va., recently made by Gen. NAGLE, with four regiments of Infantry and 150 cavalry. He captured a guerrilla Captain, and a number of other prisoners, dispersed a company of rebel cavalry, and captured their horses, secured nearly a thousand head of cattle, and destroyed a tannery which was engaged in manufacturing leather for the rebel army. Not a man was lost on our side during the expedition.

Gen. HALLECK is reported to have left Washington on Thursday, for the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac, to consult with Gen. BURNSIDE and the corps commanders.

Gen. HEINTZMAN, it is said, will immediately take the field at the head of a new corps d'armee and the command of the defenses of Washington will be added to the duties of Military Governor.

An arrival at this port yesterday brings intelligence of the wreck of the steamer *M. Sanford*, of the Banks Expedition, on the West Florida Coast, about two miles southward of Carysfort Reef Light. She had on board eight hundred troops and a quantity of supplies. The troops were all saved by the bark *Gemsbok* and the steamer *Blackstone*, and landed at Key West. A large portion of the supplies were lost.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Inquirer* writing from on board the propeller *Albany*, under date of Dec. 13, states that that vessel is entirely unfit for the voyage upon which she was sent, and that she could not live through a severe storm. She was put into Fortress Monroe for a pilot because her Captain was entirely unacquainted with that part of the coast to which he was ordered.

A dispatch to the Chicago *Times*, dated Cincinnati, Dec. 16, says: "Gen. ROSSCORNAN has moved a portion of his forces on the enemy, but advises to-day represent great scarcity of provisions, and only ten days' provisions ahead for our army. If this Cumberland River does not rise, and the Louisville and Nashville Railroad is cut by MORAN, FORTRESS & CO., which is now feared, the Federal army will be unfortunately situated. Our Commissary Department is moving all the provisions it can collect, but the railroad cannot transport them as rapidly as needed. MORAN and FORTRESS have certainly advanced northward, and before Christmas will be heard of in Kentucky. It is also expected that BRAGG will be reinforced by 50,000 troops from the East, swelling his number to 130,000 men."

It is generally rumored in the West that Gen. BURNHAM, who has so long been in command at Memphis, is to lead the expedition down the Mississippi instead of Gen. McCLELLAND. Gen. BURNHAM took leave of his corps at Oxford, Miss., on Dec. 9, but one division of it returned with him to Memphis.

Gen. DUMONT publishes a long statement in the Louisville *Journal* defending himself from the charge of responsibility for the disgraceful affair at Hartsville. He shows that the brigade which surrendered to MORAN had been separated from his command, and that at the time of the disaster he was prostrated at Gallatin, Tenn., with sickness, from which he had been suffering a fortnight.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, the Secretary of the Navy was called upon for information regarding the appointment of Rear Admiral. Mr. McDONALD of California, introduced a resolution, which was laid over, calling for information regarding the Bureau of Enquiry. A resolution granting pecuniary aid to Missouri to emancipate the slaves in the State, was referred to the Judiciary Committee. Mr. POWELL, of Kentucky, called up his resolution inquiring whether any oath had been proposed to citizens released from military

arrest, but it was not acted upon. The Bankrupt act was considered, and several verbal amendments were made. The Senate then adjourned until Monday.

In the House, a resolution was adopted, calling upon the Secretary of the Interior for information regarding the recaptured Africans returned to Liberia in 1860 and 1861. A resolution was adopted, directing the Military Committee to make inquiries relative to the discharge of disabled soldiers, the condition of the convalescent camp, etc. The Senate bill to facilitate discharges was passed, without amendment. The credentials of Mr. BENJAMIN F. FLANDERS, as Representative from the Second District of Louisiana, were presented and referred to the Committee on Elections. Mr. VALLANDIGHAM objecting to Mr. FLANDERS being sworn in at once. A resolution to adjourn over for the holidays was postponed until Monday. The Committee of Ways and Means was instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for an Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the Pacific States and Territories. Mr. DELAPLAINE, of New-York, asked leave to introduce a resolution providing for a Committee to investigate the causes of the disaster at Fredericksburg, but it was objected to. A resolution was adopted directing an inquiry into the expediency of revising the duties of the office of Quartermaster-General. Resolutions of thanks to Lieut. MORRIS and Lieut. WOODEN were passed. A resolution was adopted calling upon the Secretary of the Navy for information regarding cases before the Prize Courts. The Pension bill was passed without debate. Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, made an explanation of his financial proposition, lately submitted. The House subsequently adjourned until Monday.

GENERAL NEWS.

We have a week later advices from Europe, by the arrival at this port yesterday morning of the steamer *Nadia*. She left Liverpool on the 6th, and Queenstown on the 7th inst. The comments of the English newspapers on affairs in America are without any particular significance. Chancellor of the Exchequer GLADSTONE had written a letter to Prof. NEWMAN, in which he denied ever having expressed any sympathy for the Southern cause. At the same time he intimates his belief that the North had better consent to a separation. The Paris correspondent of the London *Times* states that contracts have been concluded by the French Government for the supply of the army in Mexico for two years, indicating that a prolonged occupation of the country is intended. The distress resulting from the cotton famine begins to be most severely felt in the manufacturing districts of France. The Ministerial crisis continued in Italy. Voting for the election of a King commenced in Rome on the 5th inst. 2,500 signatures had been taken, which were without exception in favor of Prince ALFRED. His election is considered certain. The Queen of Spain, in her speech on the opening of the Cortes, said she felt confident that events on the coast of Cuba would not change the existing relations maintained with the United States Government. There is very little change to note in the London or Liverpool markets. Consols were down to 92½ and 92.

The Board of Aldermen met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A remonstrance from property owners in the vicinity of Central Park, against any action to be taken to transfer the management of it to the Street Commissioner, was referred to the Finance Committee, who are authorized to make an investigation into the past and present management of the Park. The first special order—the ordinance, with an appropriation of \$25,000, to enable the Board to take a further step in the laying out and construction of the streets without the consent of the Common Council—then came up. Mr. BOOLE said the Corporation Council had failed to stop the breaking up of the pavement by the new railroad. The Corporation Council, created at Albany, through roundabout decisions of the Court, had failed to stop the further laying out of the streets. The second special order—the resolutions proposing the transfer of the Central Park management to the Street Commissioner—was next considered, and was finally laid over, on motion of Mr. BOYLE, who said it was a party measure, and could be attributed to as well as to us now. This idea surprised Mr. FROMST, who supposed that mismanagement and corruption only were the reasons for the proposed change. The Board adjourned till 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The Board of Councilmen met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The resolution to increase the bounty for enlistment to \$200 came up in general orders, and was indefinitely postponed. When the resolution from the other Board, to give the Sixty-Ninth New-York State Militia \$10,000 through their Colonel, MATTHEW MCNEELY, came up, Mr. JONES presented a protest from Maj. HARRIS, saying that the money was not to be paid to the officers, or one-sixth of the men of the old corps had returned to the National army with the regiment commanded by Col. MURPHY, and that the old Sixty-Ninth Militia regiment organization still existed here. Mr. HAYES said Col. MURPHY's officers had been commissioned from Gov. MORAN, and assigned to the Sixty-Ninth Regiment New-York State National Guard. The subject was referred for investigation to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. HUGHAN, LENT, and HAYES. The committee will meet in the chamber of the Board at 10 o'clock P. M. to-day. The Board adjourned till 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The New-Albany (Ind.) *Ledger* says the big guns have been placed aboard the iron-clad *Two Gun*. She is to have a stern battery of two guns, in addition to her present armament.

According to the Washington *Chronicle*, Congressmen KERRIGAN, of this City, got himself into the difficulty for which he was arrested in Washington, by introducing himself into a conversation with Major-Gen. KINO, in which he denounced Mr. LINCOLN as a traitor to the country, and used other language evidencing disloyalty. Gen. KINO replied substantially, "I know you, KERRIGAN, and if I were President of the United States I would send you to the gallows." KERRIGAN retorted that if Gen. KINO were a general he should take the liberty of slapping his face. Gen. KINO quietly informed him that if he did he would kill him instantly. KERRIGAN didn't slap Gen. KINO's face.

The prize steamer *Lodona*, taken while trying to run the blockade at Savannah, has been converted into a gunboat and is nearly ready for use.

At the Circuit of the Supreme Court, before JUSTICE HORT, the case of alleged assault upon Mrs. ELLEN WALTON at the funeral of her husband, brought against WILLIAM WALTON, the brother of deceased, resulted in a verdict for defendant. In the Marine Court yesterday, before Judge JAMES C. WELLS, the case of *Goldenshoe* recovered a judgment of \$500 against NELSON SEAROW, the owner of a marble-yard at the corner of Livingston and Attorney streets, for injuries alleged to have been sustained by his daughter in consequence of a fall of marble having fallen upon her while passing his yard, crushing several of her fingers on her right hand—thus disabling her from earning \$6 per week, as it was claimed she had formerly done, by working on a sewing-machine. In the Surrogate's Court, the will of the late THOMAS BYRNES was admitted to probate, having been made in his last moments. All the property of the deceased, real and personal, is left to his widow and three daughters.

The trial of GRO. WILKES, Esq., on an alleged libel upon JOHN LAWRENCE, was continued in the Court of Sessions yesterday, and will be resumed on Monday at 11 o'clock.

There was a very buoyant Stock Market yesterday, and a general advance on the State list. The extreme prices of the day were not sustained. The closing prices of the day were: Gold left off 132½; Erie, 144; Erie, 144.

Breadstuffs were unusually dull yesterday. Flour and wheat were cheaper, and Corn was

quite heavy. Cotton, Pork and Lard were in more demand, and were firmer. Bacon was also steady, as were also Hay, Hops, and Tallow. Petroleum was in lively request at advancing rates. Groceries were quiet, as likewise were Hemp, Flax, Fruit, Spices, Wool, Whisky, Tobacco, Seeds, Salt, Iron, Lead and Tin. A fair inquiry prevailed for Logwood, Ingot Copper and plate Spelter. The freight market continued depressed.

The Border States and the President.

A majority of the Border State Congressmen are about to make a dead set upon the President to constrain him to revoke, or at least postpone, his Emancipation Proclamation. This majority is known to be that portion of them whose speeches and votes in the past have shown them to be the most devoted to Slavery. Their intended demonstration would amaze us, had we not long ago learned that judicial blindness is one of the peculiar effects of the peculiar institution. Nothing can be more plain than that these men are doing the thing most calculated to defeat their proposed object.

What has been the strongest argument against the Proclamation from the beginning? Why, that it would have no effect within the rebel lines. Not a few cool-headed men have called it a *brutum fulmen*. Even the President has publicly made the objection that it might be but "a Pope's bull against the comet." There is no denying that the public mind generally, irrespective of opinions about Slavery, has had great misgivings concerning the expediency of the step. The fear has been that it would both divide the North, and divert the Government from its legitimate fighting business, without appreciably weakening the resources of the rebellion. Well, the mischief—so far as there has been any in it—has spent its force. The North has already experienced all the division that can come from the measure; and the Government, even if it has been influenced—as we by no means admit—to relax fighting until the new appliance should start, can be so influenced but little longer, inasmuch as we are now on the eve of a practical demonstration whether that auxiliary will be of any account or not. The Northern people, as a body, have pretty much ceased to borrow trouble about the Proclamation, content to abide the actual test. If it does work, it will be accepted as a public benefit.

Were there any doubt now left respecting the expediency of giving the Proclamation a trial, it would be dispelled by this demonstration of the Border State men against it. Nobody can mistake their motive. There is no reason why they particularly should thus concern themselves, but their interest in Slavery. It must be that they feel that the Proclamation endangers Slavery, and that it is not to prove a mere dead letter. Otherwise they would be quite as compassed about it as are the Congressmen from the Free States. Now the practical testimony they thus give to the latent power in the Proclamation has a peculiar value. There are no men in Congress whom so well acquainted with Slavery as they. They know all about the weak spots of the institution. They, therefore, are the best qualified of all accessible men to judge whether the blow aimed at it will or will not take effect. Having the peculiar interest, and the peculiar capacity of judging, their anxiety to avert the blow can only mean that the institution is in real danger. The mother does not struggle to protect her child, nor the merchant his ship, nor the General his army, against what they know to be imaginary perils; no more will the champion of Slavery.

In the judgment of these Border State men, then, the Proclamation will injure Slavery. We thank them for their evidence, undesigned though it is. It furnishes the very strong inducement for holding fast to the measure. The Proclamation had no other object than to injure Slavery. That object alone gives it its character as a war measure. Slavery has been proved not only to have been the original instigator of the rebellion, but its prime supporter. By its tillage of the soil, it has enabled the white slave-bodies of the Confederacy to turn out *en masse* for the war. By its service in building fortifications and doing the fatigue work of the camps, it has given the rebel troops an opportunity to improve constantly in drill, and kept them at all times in good condition to either give or receive battle. To cripple it, then, is to cripple the rebellion itself; and it is no more legitimate to interpose for the one than for the other.

If it be said that it is the interests of Slavery only in the loyal Border States that these men are caring for, nothing is gained by the plea. The Proclamation does not apply to the slaves of those States. It extends solely to "persons held as slaves within any State, or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then—to wit, on the 1st of January—be in rebellion against the United States." If these men claim that the breaking down of Slavery in the rebel States would make it not worth keeping in their loyal States, the reply is that the National Government has promised them compensation for any loss thus sustained; and, in the supposed event, can well afford to grant it. If you break down Slavery in the rebel States, you soon break down the rebellion itself; and to effect that, no price can be too dear. The National Government would be sure to make the loyal slaveholding States whole for any indirect damage thus sustained.

If these Border State men really prefer Slavery to the nationality, and would rather see the latter perish than the former, the sooner they make this plainly understood the better. The Northern people will never consent that the practical action of the Government shall be shaped by any such bastard Unionism. They have shown themselves willing to make great concessions to the Border States for the purpose of staying up their loyalty—have again and again seen the Government bend to their demands, to the detriment of the cause which all alike ought to have at heart. If this liberality begets no better spirit than the present

demonstration against the Proclamation indicates, it cannot be too soon exchanged for a different policy. Even though Slavery were actually the blessed thing its friends declare it to be, yet it would be unreasonable to ask the North to pour out their blood and treasure a single day longer, if relief were to be gained by its sacrifice. This rebellion must be put down at all costs—even if deemed the cost of Slavery, whether it be the most adorable of all idols, or the most accursed of all pests. The loyalty that cannot rise to that level deserves only to be trodden under foot; and if these Border States men call upon the President on the errand indicated, we trust he will "put his foot down."

Our Victory in North Carolina.

While on Saturday last the great battle raged all day at Fredericksburg, forty miles thence of Richmond, another battle, of smaller proportions, was going on at a point one hundred and sixty miles south of Richmond, two hundred miles south of Fredericksburg—at Kinston, North Carolina. Our first news of the latter engagement was by a dispatch from the rebel Gen. EVANS to the authorities at Richmond, dated on Sunday last, which announced that Gen. FOSTER had attacked Kinston the previous day with 15,000 men and nine gunboats; and, said the rebel officer, "I fought them ten hours, and have driven them back to their gunboats," but, added he, "his army (FOSTER's) is still in my front." A telegram this morning from Fortress Monroe puts quite a different aspect on the result of the engagement. It is briefly that "Gen. FOSTER's forces have taken Kinston, capturing five hundred prisoners and eleven pieces of artillery." It may be that the battle was undecided after the ten hours' engagement of Saturday, and was renewed next day by our army with greater success; or it may be that the dispatch of the rebel commander deviated slightly from truth and from the facts. Whichever may be the case, it is certain that this not unimportant point is now in possession of our forces; for we give an extract from a Richmond paper which puts the matter beyond dispute. But we have no idea that Gen. FOSTER's movement terminated with Kinston.

Kinston is a small town on the Neuse River, about forty miles above Newbern, where, in March last, one of our best-fought battles was won by Gen. BURNSIDE. Its importance at present, and in its bearing on the campaign, consists in the fact that it is only some twenty-five miles from Goldsboro, which is on the line of the great railroad that runs from Aquia Creek, through Fredericksburg and Richmond, down to Wilmington, N. C., and is at the junction of that road with the one running from Newbern and Beaufort to Raleigh. Goldsboro was undoubtedly the point at which Gen. FOSTER aimed; and as the Neuse River is navigable from Kinston up to and beyond that point, there is little doubt that if our troops captured Kinston last Saturday or Sunday, they have by this time been pushed up to Goldsboro. That place in our hands, and the rebels at Richmond are cut off from the use of one of the most valuable railroad systems in the South. They have still, it is true, the road running from Richmond to Danville, and from thence connecting with the Southern system—the break in which line from Danville to Greensboro, J. R. DAVIS lately had completed, in anticipation of the very movement of our forces which has now taken place. So that, even if we have Goldsboro, we do not entirely cut off the rebel communication with the States of the Southern seaboard; but we have taken one successful step which makes the next easier—we have cut off one of the armies by which the rebels convey to Richmond supplies and force.

Goldsboro is distant less than eighty miles by railroad from Weldon, which was generally supposed to be the destination of Gen. BAXES' expedition, and at which point FOSTER's column and the column from Suffolk were to unite with the troops of Gen. BAXES, and the combined army then march upon Petersburg and up to the line of the James River. That beautiful and feasible movement, which so pleased the public mind for several days, was not, it seems, in accordance with Gen. HALLECK's ideas of strategy; for BAXES and his expedition are by this time in the Gulf of Mexico. Nevertheless, we have no doubt that if it pleases our military authorities to properly and quickly reinforce Gen. FOSTER, he will push up to Weldon and Petersburg himself, even without the co-operation of the able soldier who, it was hoped, was about to lead in the attack on the rear of the rebel capital.

Some people will be astonished to find that the rebels had an army at Kinston last Saturday, able to cope with the military and naval force which Gen. FOSTER led up the Neuse River. It must be remembered, however, that they had anticipated an attack somewhere in the rear of Richmond simultaneous with the grand assault of our army on the main rebel force at Fredericksburg; and as Gen. FOSTER had been preparing for this movement some days before it was actually made, they had gathered up several thousand men and planted them on the line of the Weldon and Wilmington Railroad, prepared to defend any point that might be attacked in the vicinity of that road. They knew there were but few points which his gunboats could reach, and therefore threw up earthworks at each of those points, prepared to rush to and defend either of them. It is quite likely, too, that LEE had such confidence in the overwhelming strength of his works on the heights of Fredericksburg, that he knew he could spare a few thousand men from his main body to defend any other vital point that we might assail.

We have a hope that our military authorities will not permit the important work so well begun by Gen. FOSTER, to end where it has begun; but that they will so strengthen his column that he can push up to Petersburg, and cooperate in the next great movement which we are confident Gen. BURNSIDE will not wait long to commence.

"Registered Enemies."

We may expect soon to hear a new and deafening outcry against Gen. BUTLER as the curtain rises on "the fifth and last act" of his great play—How to Tame a Seecesh City. Our New-Orleans correspondent, in yesterday's issue, quoted an order issued by BUTLER on the 5th of December, requiring all "registered enemies" of the United States, both men and women, with their families, who desire to go within the rebel lines and not return, to report themselves to the Provost-Marshal-General on or before the 10th of December, when conveyance was promised them. They were to be allowed to take with them personal clothing only, and fifty dollars in money for each adult.

The inattentive reader of news from the South may inquire, Who are the "registered enemies" of the United States for whom this order is intended? A very brief explanation will be given. When BUTLER found himself fully in possession of the City of New-Orleans, he immediately allowed the largest liberty of personal, social and commercial operations—provided only all things were done in accordance with public decency and the authority and laws of the United States. Every facility was afforded to those who wished to resume business and restore the city to its normal condition as the chief seaport of the South. Many citizens were delighted with the dawn of peace, order and prosperity held out under the reestablished authority of the Union, and in order to give the most public and emphatic evidence of their loyal satisfaction, they began to come in crowds to headquarters to take the oath of allegiance. The papers published the cheerful facts. But they proved glad and wornwood to the malignant Secessionists still harboring in the City. These immediately put all their powers at work to defeat so hopeful a prospect of peace. The cotton brokers among them united in sending advice to planters in the interior of the country not to send their cotton to New-Orleans, which England and France might then obtain, and have no further motive to intervention and raising the blockade! All Secessionists of minor pretensions and pursuits were equally anxious to discourage the business of humbler loyalists, by making it disgraceful and unprofitable to take the oath of allegiance. They made use of the columns of the New-Orleans newspapers, right under BUTLER's eyes, to give prominence and eclat to their continued and dogged rebellion. Frequently such notices as the following would be published:

A. B., who is reported to have taken the oath of allegiance, is not the A. B. who keeps shop at No. 1, Blank-street. The latter begs leave to assure his friends and customers that he is, as ever, A REBEL.

The rebels having thus set the example of "drawing the lines," and separating the sheep from the goats, Gen. BUTLER, with that marvelous aptness that distinguishes him in every emergency, took up the suggestion, and determined to turn it to practical account in behalf of loyalty. He issued orders, at once, requiring all citizens of New-Orleans to declare themselves, whether loyal or disloyal—and relieved the forward Secessionists of any further expense of publishing their contumacious disloyalty in the newspapers, by requiring the record of the sentiments of every soul of them to be filed in his office, for official and public inspection and information. Thus there were to be but two classes thereafter in New-Orleans—those who would take the oath of allegiance, and those who were prepared to declare and register themselves "enemies of the United States." Over two thousand persons had the audacity to register themselves as "enemies" of the Government. It is this laundry list who are now to be furnished transportation, and allowed to leave the city of New-Orleans—a permission they will not be at liberty to disregard.

But, Secessionists and their sympathizers will say, these people are residents of New-Orleans, they have houses, business and families there—it is wrong to turn them out, exiles from the city. It is a pity, but they have brought it on their own heads. They committed the gravest and cruelest crime of the ages in rushing into this bloody rebellion at the start. When their city was captured they were allowed space for repentance, and safety for family, person, and property. They deliberately rejected the clemency shows them; they saw the Government feeding daily the starving thousands of their own people, whom their crime had made destitute, and yet continued to revile and oppose it, they resisted openly every effort to restore peace and prosperity to the city, and on challenge of their conduct, went boldly to the public record and wrote themselves "enemies of the United States." For such persons the Government of the United States can have no protection, and it is a National cleanness that permits them to join their belligerent brethren and do their worst. At present it requires all the vigilance and power of the Government to restrain them from rebellion, turbulence, and crime.

THE BAXES EXPEDITION—The destination of Gen. BAXES' Expedition was a subject of so much mystery and speculation that the public and the Press were all led astray; and almost every point on the Southern coast, from Chesapeake Bay to the Rio Grande, was suggested as the real and veritable spot at which the troops would embark and take up their line of march for Richmond, or, if not for there, nobody cared where. It is now certain that the expedition has entered the Gulf of Mexico, and it is quite likely, is now hovering close to the coast of Alabama or Louisiana. Our telegraphic correspondent, at Washington, in a dispatch published on Monday of this week, prior to the time when the true destination of the expedition had been anywhere stated, gave this as the region for which it was bound, and furnished some interesting details of the work it was expected to do. On the same day came the false and bogus dispatch of the Philadelphia *Press*, stating that BAXES had landed

at Winton, North Carolina, and, with an army of eighty thousand men, and was marching upon Petersburg. It would have pleased us and the country much better if the Philadelphia dispatch had been correct; and for that end we would have been willing to forego, for once, even the usual accuracy of our Washington telegrams. But now that the truth of our Monday's dispatch has been officially acknowledged in Washington, and that we have had news from other sources that the vessels of Gen. BAXES had entered the Mexican Gulf, we not unwillingly recall the fact that amid the jumble of contradictions and falsehoods about Gen. BAXES' destination, the *Times*, through its Washington correspondent, was the first to give the facts to the public. Nearly every statement in these dispatches, though some of them may be obscured for a moment, is subsequently confirmed.

THE ENEMY'S LOSS AT FREDERICKSBURG.—The dispatches of the rebel Gen. LEE lift a little gloom from the fact of our military failure at Fredericksburg, by acknowledging very serious losses to the rebel army in the conflict. From the descriptions of the battle given by our correspondents, it was impossible to obtain any idea of the enemy's loss; and the eventual abandonment of the field rendered it quite impracticable for our Generals to give any data in the premises. But as the enemy fought mostly behind their defenses, the belief was general that they received comparatively no injury. The rebel General admits to his Government a loss, which, though much below ours, affords some comfort, as proof that it was not on their part wholly a bloodless victory. And we have no doubt that, as always, heretofore, the rebel leader vastly understates their losses. Richmond papers set the rebel loss at 3,000, and acknowledge the arrival at Richmond of 2,500 wounded. Our gallant soldiers charged up very close to the enemy's works, both on the line of SUMNER and FRANKLIN; whenever and wherever they could get a chance at the enemy, they committed terrible havoc in his ranks; and had it been within the power of human courage or endurance to take the works, they would unquestionably have been reduced.

It is not the purpose of battle or of war, however, to kill for its own sake; the purpose is to gain an end. For the moment, we failed to achieve our aim last Saturday.

The Death of J. Sheridan Knowles, the Dramatist.

MR. J. SHERIDAN KNOWLES, the eminent dramatist, died at Torquay, a well known watering place on the English coast, on November 29, in the 78th year of his age. Mr. Knowles was born in Cork, Ireland, in the year 1784, and was the eldest and only son of JAMES KNOWLES ESQ., who was distinguished in his day for his learning. When but twelve years of age he peculiar talent which afterward gained Mr. Knowles such a wide and enviable reputation, displayed itself in the composition of a play for a company of juvenile performers of which he was the leader, and soon afterwards he prepared the libretto of an opera founded upon the history of the Chevalier D'Artois. This was lost through the carelessness of RICHARDSON, the literary veteran of the day, to whom it was handed by Knowles' father, and the author made no effort to restore it. His first production was the ballet of the "Witch of Padua," which he wrote when about 14 years old, and at this early age he made the acquaintance of CHARLES LAMB and WILLIAM HAZLITT, who freely gave him the advantage of their extensive literary experience. For a very short time Mr. Knowles held a commission in the army, but he surrendered it after hearing that his regiment had no immediate prospect of other than home service. The Crow-street Theatre, Dublin, and the establishment in Waterford, Swansea, were the scenes of Mr. Knowles' earliest histrionic efforts. The offer of an engagement at Belfast drew him thither, but finding an opening there for a school, he determined to avail himself of it, and in his pedagogical efforts, met with the greatest success. During his residence in that city he made his first dramatic efforts. "Brian Bowdoin," the modification of a play by another author, was first submitted to the public, who received it with great favor. "Calus Graculus" followed, and then came "Virginius," in which MACKENZIE sustained the leading character. This composition established the reputation of both actor and author.

It is said this play was originally written for KAY, and at his request; but he never appeared in it. The plays of "William Tell," "The Beggar of Bethlem," "The Hunchback," "The Wife," "The Daughter," "The Love Chase," "The Wife," "The Maid of Marston," "Woman," "Old Maid," "John of Procida," "The Rose of Arragon," and "The Secretary," in several of which Mr. Knowles himself sustained the leading characters, were successively rapidly given to the public. While enacting this double role of actor and author he made a successful tour not only of the United Kingdom but of this country also. As years began to weigh heavily upon him the British Government signified its appreciation of his eminent literary services by bestowing upon him a pension of £200 per year, which he continued to enjoy until his death.

The last years of Mr. Knowles' life furnish a singular contrast to the rest of his career. Having abandoned the stage and the drama he became a zealous and eloquent Baptist preacher and controversialist. Two polemical works, *The Rock of Rome*, and *The Fall of the Roman Empire*, were published. A London literary journal gave connection with a reference to the change in the manner of Mr. Knowles' life, which has not been contradicted, perhaps because of its manifest absurdity—that on abandoning the stage and adopting the pulpit as his sphere of action, although he entered a formal protest against the publication of his dramatic works, he never failed to call annually upon his publishers, Messrs. Groom & Co., for his share of the profits accruing from the sale of these works during the year preceding.

By Mr. Knowles' first marriage he had a large family, six of whom lived to maturity, but only two, a son and a daughter, survive him. His second wife, Miss ELEANOR, once a favorite known as an actress, also survives her husband. For many years Mr. Knowles has suffered most acutely from rheumatism, and it was from the effects of this malady that he died. He remained in accordance with his expressed wish, were taken to Glasgow for interment.

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The Court sentenced him to sixty days' imprisonment.

THE DEMOCRACY ON THE LATE BALCONY—At a meeting of the Kings County Union General Committee, held on Thursday night, Mr. J. J. Donovan offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as many of our fellow citizens have been slandered at the late battle of Freedom, and the said slander to die with him who by their own fault has incurred it, and inasmuch as a committee of three be appointed to draft a resolution of expiation at the next meeting, expressive of the confidence of the Democracy in the present critical condition of the country.

THE NAVY-YARD STRIKE.—The shipwrights of the Navy-yard are still holding out, and no work is consequently done on the vessels now on the stocks. The shipbuilders were on Friday compelled to quit work. Their business is to hasten the planking after being prepared for the carpenters. There is, therefore, nothing for them to do. Up to this point the strike had been received from Washington, and affairs remain as they were. Broughton, over one thousand men, are doing their time about the streets.

RECORDED.—The furniture-store of JAMES BEECH, corner of Seaboard-street and Myrtle-avenue,

NEW-JERSEY.—The Ninth New-Jersey Regiment has its scattered companies consolidated at Newburn, N. C. Col. HICKMAN, of the Ninth, is in command of a brigade in Gen. FOSTER's department. Lieut-Col. WILSON, also of the Ninth, has resigned, and several other officers of the regi-

ment has been discharged for disability, caused by the severe and harassing duty they have performed. The Ninth was one of the regiments which originally landed with Gen. Burnside, in North Carolina, and participated in the battles of Roanoke Island and Newbern, since which the several companies have been employed, most of the time, in remote picket duty, having also been engaged in several important operations. One of the elegant silk banners, prepared by order of this Order, and presented to the Ninth, by the hands of Surgeon Woodcutt, The flag, an elegant paragon of Roanoke Island and Newbern, and is intended as a testimonial to the bravery of the regiment.

It is reported that New-Jersey lost in the late battles, in killed, wounded and missing, nearly 2,000

NEW JERSEY—The 15th Regiment is reported to have been ordered to New Jersey. The regiment has dispatched a special agent to the seat of war to ascertain the casualties to New Jersey soldiers.

CANADIAN HOSPITAL, NEWARK.—Weekly report for the week ending Dec. 19: Admitted, 44; returned to duty, 5; discharged, 15; on furlough, 3; deserted, 15; died, 1; remaining, 875; total number here, 1,116; number of deaths to 1,000, 1,150. Forty-one of the arrivals were of soldiers sent on Thursday from Davis's Island. **JOSEPH LINT, Battery A, First New Jersey Artillery,** arrived yesterday. We learn that three hundred conscripts will be sent off next week for the front. The conscripts will be sent to fight in line up with wounded from the Rappahannock.

NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The present term

THE NEGRO ANDERSON—CONVICTED—HEAVY SENTENCE.—The December term of the Bergen County Courts has just closed. Among the cases tried was that of the negro ANDERSON, for committing a brutal outrage upon a young lady at Hackensack. He was convicted, and sentenced to State Prison for five years.

CONTESTED SEAT.—MR. MOORE, defeated candidate for Assembly in the First District of Mercer County, has filed a protest with the State Board of

A JAIL WITHOUT AN INMATE.—The Somerset County Jail, N. J., is without an inmate at the present time.

LAW REPORTS.

Action for the Recovery of Damages for Personal Injuries—What Negligence Is a Bar.

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM.

Before JUSTICES DALEY, BRADY and HILTON.

Ga. Inaug. vs. The Eighth-avenue Railroad Company. This was an action to recover damages for injuries.

On the trial of the cause it appeared that about nine o'clock in the evening of the 22d June, 1870, the plaintiff arrived from the northeast corner of Fifth-street and Central-avenue, to cross to the west side of the avenue. Just at the time he started, a horse-drawn wagon was passing the avenue, and when he was but twenty feet from the crosswalk the plaintiff passed over both the railroad tracks, and was beyond the last rail of the west track, when an engine, pulling a passenger car, and a freight car, and a flat car, stopped, half on the west rail of the track, and the stage lay between the rail upon which he stood and the engine, and sat on the track. The

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The Court refused to so charge, and the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for \$12,000. The defendant then asked for a new trial on this branch of the Court, and the judgment below was now affirmed, the Court holding that the jury should have been instructed as requested by defendant's counsel. That the jury was not so instructed was held to be an error of ordinary observation and practice not discovered and avoided, a party should not recklessly nor heedlessly expose himself to, and then attempt to throw the onus of error of such glaring nature upon his opponent. It was then for plaintiff, John W. Astmore for decedent.

the Eighth District Court. The plaintiff sued the defendant for a balance, which he alleged to be due to him on a contract of sale of rock. On the trial the jury found and testified that the defendant had agreed to pay him \$4 cents per cubic foot, and that the plaintiff testified that he promised 75 cents on a cubic foot, at which rate it was admitted that he had paid in full. It was shown that, upon a dispute between them concerning the amount of rock sold, the defendant refused to take an oath if the defendant would swear that the price agreed upon was 75 cents. The defendant made an affidavit to that effect and showed it to the plaintiff, notwithstanding the fact that the defendant was not competent for the plaintiff and the defendant appealed.

T. G. Sierman, for the appellant, cited *Hurd*; *Pendridge*, 2 Ill. 502; *Brooks v. Ball*, 16 Johns 337;

The Court reversed the judgment, holding that the affidavit was a bar to the action whether true or not.

Thomas & Sherrill and A. R. Bays for the appellant; Daniel B. Taylor for respondent.

Decisions.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Before Justice Leonard.

Daily vs. Fraser.—Motion denied, \$10 costs of opposing to abide event.

The Same vs. The Same.—Motion granted.

The Same vs. The Same.—Motion granted with \$10 costs.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Justice Bowditch.

Blatchford et al. vs. Harvill; Maxwell vs. Wood; Ap-

Sold, et. al. vs. Johnson et. al.—Order granted

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

A brief dispatch in yesterday's TIMES announced the resignation of Secretary SEWARD.

We give elsewhere such information on the subject as has reached us. The resignation, it is understood, has not been accepted by the President, although tendered with the request that it might be accepted immediately.

A dispatch to the Philadelphia Inquirer, announcing Secretary SEWARD's resignation, states that Secretary BLAIR will follow suit, and that Gen. HALLIDAY will be removed.

Secretary STANTON still retains the confidence of the President. Some of the Washington correspondents state that Gen. BURNETT has tendered his resignation of the command of the Army of the Potomac.

We have this morning Gen. Foster's official report of his victory at Kingston, N. C. He first met the enemy at Southwest Creek, strongly posted, but succeeded after a brisk fight in forcing his way through, with small loss.

He then pushed on to Kingston, where he found the enemy strongly posted, where he could not reach him effectually with artillery, and the battle was consequently principally fought with infantry.

After five hours' hard fighting he succeeded in driving the enemy from his position, and the result was the capture of the town, with eleven pieces of artillery, four or five hundred prisoners, and a large amount of Quartermaster's and Commissary's stores.

Our loss was about 200 killed and wounded. The enemy's force numbered about 6,000, with twenty pieces of artillery.

Gen. HERRON telegraphs to Gen. CURTIS at St. Louis his belief that the rebel Gen. HINDMAN has crossed the Arkansas River with his infantry, while MARMADUK is still on the north side with his cavalry.

Hundreds of men were deserting from HINDMAN's army and joining Gen. HERRON—principally Missourians. Gen. CURTIS has recently received a communication from the rebel Gen. HOLMES, forwarded by direction of JEFF. DAVIS, making inquiry relative to the shooting of the "Confederate citizens" by Gen. MCNEIL.

A gentleman who left Little Rock, Arkansas, on Nov. 16, has arrived in St. Louis. The news thus comes up the information which he brings: "There were but few troops at Little Rock, but there were about 15,000 at Austin, 23 miles from there, under Gen. HOLMES. The force under HINDMAN in Northwestern Arkansas, was estimated at 14,000. Many of them had been unarmed, but a lot of 6,000 Enfield rifles had been recently received and distributed amongst them.

CLARK JACKSON was at Little Rock on the 15th ult., very sick with the flux. He was on his way to Richmond, as he said, to induce JEFF. DAVIS to send more arms to HINDMAN. His attending physician had serious doubts of his recovery. CLARK JACKSON, Jr., "son of the old man," was at Des Arc, Ark. sick also. There are many Union men in Little Rock. The people of Arkansas are tired and sick of the war, and if they had the opportunity, many of them would take sides with the Union army."

Lieut. Col. JOHN BORTZ, commanding the Ninth Kentucky Cavalry, made a dash into Tennessee a day or so ago, and penetrated as far as Livingston. He had a fight with the rebels at that point, routing them, and wounding some, and taking ten prisoners. He then returned, without loss, to Burkesville, Ky.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Board of Aldermen met at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A message from the Mayor, vetoing the resolution to increase the salaries of the Police Justices to \$5,000 per annum, was received and laid over. The Mayor thinks the salaries paid by the city are liberal, and that out of patriotism every municipal or county officer should be satisfied with his present pay, in order to save the city from as much taxation as possible, within reason. The Board were in session but a short time, and adjourned till 6 o'clock, P. M. on Monday.

The Board of Councilmen met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A message from the Mayor, vetoing the Fractional Currency ordinance—a measure that had received nearly a unanimous vote of the Common Council—was read and laid over under the rule. The Mayor says the ordinance would be in violation of the State law, if it should be put in force, and, besides, that he deprecates the issuing of "shinplasters" by Corporations. Some routine business was transacted, and the Board adjourned till 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

Several changes have recently been made in the organization of the Army of the Cumberland. A third corps, known as the Reserves, has been organized and placed under command of Gen. BENJAMIN HAMILTON. It is composed of the divisions of MOLEY, PALMER, the East Tennesseeans, and Maj. King's command, consisting of the Regulars. This leaves the organization as follows: Commander of Corps—Maj. Gen. Wm. B. ROBERTSON; Commander Right Wing—Maj. Gen. ALAN M. MCCOOK; Commander Centre—Maj. Gen. GEORGE E. THOMAS; Commander Left Wing—Maj. Gen. BENJAMIN HAMILTON. In the Second Division Brig. Gen. SULL has been superseded by Gen. R. W. JOHNSON, who was taken prisoner by the Rebels at Gallatin in August, and has been recently exchanged. Gen. NGLEY has, at his own request, been relieved of the position of Commandant of Nashville, and is assigned to the command of the Eighth Division, under Gen. HAMILTON.

The prize steamer Emile, which was condemned by the Prize Court at Philadelphia, has been chartered by the Government, and will leave at an early day for the South, under the command of Capt. THOMAS HANN, formerly of the steamer Kameksee.

The dentists of Boston have determined to advance their prices 30 per cent. in consequence of the premium on gold.

In St. Louis, parties employed in the manufacture of pilot bread for the Government have struck for higher wages, and Gen. CLARK has issued an order declaring that he will arrest and imprison any man who shall interfere with or intimidate persons who may signify their willingness to work at the old rates.

The barque Harriet Spaulding, which was reported some days since as burned by the pirates Albatross, arrived safe at Havre, France, on Dec. 5. The Government hospital at Woodsonville, on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, was destroyed by fire on Monday, Dec. 8. The sick were removed, and no casualties occurred. The extent of the loss has not yet been ascertained.

The proprietors of the Rochester Union have purchased a papermill, where they propose to manufacture their own paper.

Breadstuffs were lightly dealt in on Saturday. Flour and Wheat were quoted rather lower; Corn was steady. Pork, Lard, Bacon and Beef were active. Groceries were quiet, as also were Cotton, Fish, Fruit, Hemp, Petroleum, Leather, Seeds, Wool and Whisky. Salt was more sought after. Hay, Hops, Tallow and Foreign Liquors were freely purchased at full rates. The Freight market was inactive, with 515 vessels, of all classes, in port.

Resignation of Secretary Seward.

The City was as much startled yesterday by the announcement of the resignation of Secretary SEWARD as it had been a few days before by the news of the repulse of Gen. BURNETT, and the retreat of our army across the Rappahannock. Indeed, the first-mentioned event, and the rumored breaking up of the Cabinet, affected the public more profoundly, if possible, than the other. Mr. SEWARD has been the right-hand man of the President from the day of his election until now. He has had, in great measure, the shaping of the policy of the Government, beside the management of what has been, on several occasions, its most important and difficult Department. For him to step out of the Cabinet at this most critical moment of the Government's and the Country's history, portended no man knew what. But every one was filled with apprehension and doubt.

We have little to say regarding the step at this hour. We do not know that the resignation has been, or will be accepted by the President. We give in other columns what is said in the Washington papers regarding the immediate causes that led the Secretary to resign. It may or may not be true. But we believe that Mr. SEWARD has long desired to quit the post of Secretary of State, and has had the step he has now taken in contemplation for some time. As soon as he felt that there was a want of confidence in him by a leading body of Senators, and perhaps as soon as he felt that the policy he thought wise was thwarted, he has carried his purpose into execution.

If President LINCOLN decides to accept this resignation, it will probably not be the only resignation from the Cabinet that will be compelled and accepted. The Minister who now has now gone out has long been recognized as among the very ablest statesmen of the country. Other Departments are filled by men who have no reputation, no administrative ability, no public respect—who are at the same time imbecile and headstrong, who have driven the Government to the very verge of ruin, and who would long ago have vacated their posts had they had the least regard for the opinion, the sentiment, or the welfare of the country. If they will not resign, they should be expelled before the country is swept over the brink of despair on which it is now trembling. Let the President give the country a strong Cabinet and capable Generals, regardless of party and geographical lines, and we shall begin the new year under hopeful auspices, and with renewed public confidence.

The Washington Star of Friday night says that Mr. SEWARD remains at his desk, awaiting the appointment of his successor. Public speculation runs wide as to who that successor is likely to be. But the President will probably not make choice until he decides in what form, and under what auspices, the Cabinet is to be reconstructed.

BLUNDERING OF THE WAR.—The two radical blunders in the conduct of the war, have been bureaucratic dotation and lack of concentration. Persons without the claim of even superior ability, and utterly ignorant of the science or nature of war, have attempted to wield the mightiest armies of modern ages. Instead of committing the control of military affairs to skilled commanders, and holding them to inexorable accountability for the accomplishment of feasible objects with adequate resources, there has been a measure of meddling with, and muddling of, military plans fatal to the nation. The successive campaigns in Virginia furnish humiliating illustrations of the fatality of this policy, and should restrain officials who have had no practical or theoretical schooling in the military art from interference with the campaigning of those whose life-study is war.

"Bushwhacking" may get on thus very well where a few daring men, rifle in hand, take to the forests and hunt their foes as they follow beasts of prey. Guerrilla hands need only the cunning and dash which frontier life engenders. A little army like that which need not suffice for garrison service and to restrain Indian depredations, might be posted and controlled by a Washington functionary, as the blunders affected no vital interest. But a war of invasion, carried forward along a coast and interior line of thousands of miles, with something like a million of troops, is a task from which the most skilled military genius might shrink, and which it is the consummation of folly for any other sort of man to meddle with. The management of armies should be committed wholly to a competent General-in-Chief, and to the commanding officer in the field. Thus we shall have war—successful war; and not till then.

This system should extend still further.

Tender-hearted souls should not meddle with military discipline. If the experience of the most warlike nations has demanded the necessity of summary dealing with spies and deserters, it is folly for unwarlike philanthropy to step in and sacrifice thousands of lives and the cause itself, by trifling with the most dangerous class of men. Military law must rule in military affairs, or war becomes a farce—nay, inexcusable butchery of the nation's soldiers.

Two other stupendous blunders—lack of concentration—we have exposed very frequently. It may grow out of the other; it may have still less respectable parentage. Whatever be its cause, its effects are ruinous. In every conflict there are main issues, and in every war there are vital points of assault and defence. The whole world has seen that the centre and soul of the rebellion was at Richmond—that pierced, its life-blood must flow. Everybody, outside of Washington, hoped and believed that whatever else was done or left undone, such forces would be massed against the Confederate capital as would render resistance vain. That this has not been done is the marvel and the shame of the nation. It must still be done, and that promptly, or the Union cause will be ruined. Though every sea-coast town were ours, and the Mississippi passed by our gunboats, and every Border State firmly fixed in the Union, the possession of Richmond by the rebel Government and armies, would stand forth as the single fact, more potent to the world's eye than all others, in proof of Southern success.

The two principles of this war, as of all others, must be, warriors for war—concentration of strength. Such a rôle would inspire the nation anew.

The Battle and Retreat at Fredericksburgh.

The growing interest which centres in our latest Virginia battle-field necessitates the most searching investigation into the causes which brought disaster when we had every reason to expect triumphant success. Fruitful in evil as would be the old French Revolutionary policy of following with a special inquest of querulous functionaries every movement of the army, in this case inquiry is a sacred, public duty. Among other necessary information which will be elicited, we shall learn how far our repulse was probably due to the delay of the pontoon bridges, and why the battle was fought at a perilous bend of the river where the position was strong, and the chance ran so seriously against us. On whom the crushing responsibility must fall, the report of the Congressional Committee will inform the expectant nation without undue delay.

Meanwhile, however, we should beware of being prematurely led astray by distorted news of the real facts. Hasty judgments are usually capricious, irrational and mischievous. "A people that cannot brook defeat," it has been well said, "is unfit for war, and firmness under the pressure of disaster is as indispensable to a great nation as moderation in the intoxicating hour of victory." Viewed in this light the undaunted spirit with which the recent news from the Army of the Potomac has been met, reflects high honor on the national character. Much as the sublime and terrible scenes around Fredericksburgh may occasion us of disappointment and regret, no one is disposed to view them as showing a stain on the valor of our army, or as justifying a moment's distrust of the result of the war and the success of our holy struggle for the safety, honor and integrity of our great and free Republic.

It is certain, from the concurrent testimony both of our own Generals and those of the enemy, that no men ever fought better than the heroic troops who rallied under the Stars and Stripes in the tempest of death which for ten long hours swept over the Southern slopes of the Rappahannock. Whatever else we may doubt, whoever else we may distrust, it is clear that the honor and glory of the nation is safe beneath the defending arms of our citizen soldiers.

Armies of veterans, led by the greatest captains of their age, have never marched to uniform sure victory. HANNIBAL was beaten by BERIC in the midst of his depôts of supplies and reinforcements. NAPOLEON himself was frequently defeated by opposing armies, as were also before him FREDERICK the Great, and CHARLES the Twelfth of Sweden. A reverse, if well improved, may change to victory. Thus it is well remembered that NAPOLEON, after losing the battle of Marengo, forced the victorious Austrians to evacuate Italy the following day, and wrested from them the main objects of a well-fought campaign.

What moral force the rebels will derive from their recent success remains to be seen. The short dispatch of Gen. LEE, which we published on Friday, is of more interest in this point of view, than the elaborate report which appeared in our columns yesterday. The former document was written on the field shortly after the battle, and shows us how the rebel General then regarded the events of the day. It will be observed that he does not claim the victory. Viewing the affair as a drawn battle, he acknowledges heavy losses, but states that as yet he has succeeded in holding his main position, adding that, although he has repulsed our first assault, he is apprehensive of a new attack the following day. Occupied wholly with the scene under his eyes, he forgets that great as were his losses, ours were greater still. So far from taking the bold, though hazardous resolve of following up his first advantage by pressing on our troops, and forcing them into the river, his mind, happily for us, seems to have been capacious enough to admit but two ideas—first, the grateful sense that he had escaped an immediate peril; and, secondly, the urgent conviction that he must protect himself, and provide against further attempts to make him quit his earthworks.

"Some men," says NAPOLEON, "see everything on the battle-field, through a highly-colored medium. They are deeply moved by what is before their eyes, while the distant pieces on the chess-board, being out of view,

make less impression than they should. Whatever knowledge, or talent, or other good qualities such men possess, nature has not formed them for the command of great armies, or for the direction of extensive operations in war. The first qualification of a General-in-Chief is a cool head—that is, a head which receives just impressions and estimates objects at their real value." Judging from the Napoleonic standpoint, we have already had an appalling amount of this sort of imbecility in the conduct of our armies, and the rebels, it would appear, are not much better supplied with military leaders than we ourselves have been.

Gen. LEE, as we have said, makes no claim to victory. Nor could he do so. For with one or two insignificant exceptions he never stirred from his fortified position during the entire day. Fighting unseen behind his intrenchments, defended by a triple concentric fire of rifles and heavy artillery, which raked our lines, picked off our officers, and decimated whole brigades, he made no efforts except to defend himself. Had he left his fortress and met us on equal terms in the open field, the battle might have been decisive, and one army or the other could have been undisputed masters of the field. But so bold a venture for a decisive result was not risked, and a similar want of enterprise was shown after the battle.

For to this cause in part we must ascribe the success of Gen. BURNETT in concealing his subsequent finely conducted retreat. LEE, by a series of well executed feints from our side, was kept in constant alarm. Not until our last man had been withdrawn, did the mystified foe wake up to the assurance that, for the present he was safe from the dreaded but deferred attack. The annals of military nations scarcely record a single instance in which, after disasters so severe, an immense army, with all its artillery and munitions of war, has been safely withdrawn across a rapid, deep, rising river, from under the commanding guns of an enemy, equal in numbers and flushed with recent success. Not a man was lost, not a gun abandoned, not a caisson missing. This able and unprecedented movement is a good augury for the future. Let this same rapidity, secrecy, inventive resources, and masterly combinations characterize the offensive strategy which is shortly to hurl against the rebel Capital our heavy, well-concentrated masses of veterans, and the battle of Fredericksburgh may prove to us another Marengo.

Sunday and Its Sentiments.

It has happened, throughout the war, that the events creating the greatest sensations of the public mind have occurred on Sunday. Whether this is owing to that fatality which often seems to impel men and nations directly on to that fate that they exhibit the greatest anxiety to avoid, belongs to philosophers to investigate. We only call attention to the fact in the case of our own Government, that Sunday has been marked by more and intense excitement than any other day, notwithstanding the efforts of our authorities, civil and military, to secure its sanctity and peace.

In the very beginning of the war we got the wrong foot foremost in this matter. Gen. McDOWELL was unlucky in feeling obliged to fight the first battle of Bull Run on Sunday. For this violation of the sentiments of the religious part of our people he was soundly lectured. And the "unco righteous" did not hesitate to ascribe his defeat directly to his profane deed of offering battle on the Lord's day. When Gen. McCLELLAN took command of the army at Washington, he found it laboring under popular disfavor as a Sabbath-breaking institution, and he issued an order requiring the Sabbath to be observed, by an entire suspension of all drills, musters and other camp duty, and work not absolutely necessary to be performed. How well this order was observed in practice before Manassas and on the Peninsula, we are not able to say. Nor do we know how far Gen. POK was able to maintain the fitting observance of the Sabbath day, during his brief rule as the Chief in the field. But we apprehend the demoralization resulting from the campaign of the army on the Peninsula, and its transfer from there, and the subsequent battles and retreat under Gen. POK, led to very considerable backsliding in army conduct. And this was probably not amended in the brief Maryland campaign and the march down the base of the Blue Ridge; for about the time McCLELLAN turned over the command to PERRYMAN, President LINCOLN thought it proper to issue a General Order enjoining on all commanders of armies to regard the customs of Christian nations, by keeping the Sabbath properly and abstaining on that day from all work and warlike movements, as far as it was practicable to do so.

This order received the hearty assent and commendation of the country. But it was a singular commentary on the text, a passage in the letter of one of our correspondents, who, in describing the flank movement of Gen. BURNETT from the Blue Ridge to the Rappahannock, made a few days after the President's order was published, stated that Gen. SEWARD's Corps, which led the advance, struck their tents in the night of Sunday, and in the early dawn of Sunday took up their march toward Fredericksburgh!

Either the occurrence of the event themselves that have so violently agitated the nation, in connection with war movements between Washington and Richmond, has fallen on Sunday, or on that day the news of the same has been received, to disturb and distress Church-going people. Too often during the war have our Christian congregations found themselves, in spite of the best resolves of peace and prayer, converted by the cry of newsoys in the streets into the Church militant—too seldom, alas, in that time have they been allowed to congratulate themselves on National success and rejoice as members of the Church triumphant. Down to the latest record this lot pursues us. It was on Sunday a week ago that our noble army under BURNETT recoiled from the impregnable

heights of Fredericksburgh. It was on Sunday last, the black omens of disaster flew thick and low through the land, sending a tremor of apprehension into every heart.

And to-day, what have we but conflicting and distressing stories from Washington, that speak of distrust among our rulers and the probable breaking up and reorganization of the Administration? The popular demand goes up in thunder-tones for some change. Unfortunately there is no general agreement, and can be none, as to the specific change demanded. We all are satisfied that something is wrong—terribly wrong. We all know that there is strength and loyalty in the land abundantly sufficient to save the nation and Government—that those elements are not properly wielded at present—and that a change must be made which shall give the country better results. Changes are rumored at Washington. Changes have actually begun. But while we demand changes, how do we know that the right sort of changes will be made? How can we foresee that a step will be made when the proper limit is reached? There is, unhappily, as we stated, no general agreement as to the reorganization needed in the Cabinet, and the resignations demanded by one party will be fiercely opposed by another. But the most unpleasant reflection of all to a true patriot is that any change at all in the composition of the Administration is needed. It argues, in spite of ourselves, inherent weakness in the head of affairs. It is an axiom of politics and war, as old as society itself, that it is a hazardous thing to change front in the face of an enemy. But that is just what our Government now feels obliged to do. Let us trust that the presentation of these grave matters to our people to-day will be accepted by all faithful Christians who seek the sanctuary, as evidence that Heaven commends the crisis to their humble, truthful and prayerful consideration.

The Mark of Kane.

We cannot help wondering oftentimes at the excessive audacity in falsehood, which we cannot avoid observing. It prevails everywhere, but especially in politics. One would have said that the political untruth which had disgraced this country in years past could not be excelled this side the bottomless pit. But the rebellion has given increased virulence to it. It would seem as if no previous respectability, no station in society, no position, no reputation prevented any one who became touched with this fatal heresy of secession from losing all regard for truth; and more than that, such men seem to lose all regard for common sense, and give the public no credit for any knowledge of facts or power of reasoning, and make statements, not in the heat of a verbal discussion, but coolly, and in writing, which every one who has any memory of the events of the past two years knows to be utterly false. Think, for instance, of BRUCHMAN's written, deliberate statement that FORD had never stolen any public arms at all! which Gen. SCOTT so summarily exposed, and which needed no such exposure, for every one both North and South who knew anything of what has happened the past two years, knew it was untrue the moment he saw it.

As remarkable a document for this quality as we have lately seen is a letter of the notorious MARSHAL KANE, of Baltimore, to the New-York Tribune, in answer to some queries put to him by that journal. We cannot pretend to pick out for our readers all the falsehoods which this document contains, but some of the largest nuggets of mendacity we cannot refrain from excavating from so rich a placer.

The Marshal declares, for instance, that "there never was any body of leading Marylanders who sought, by their action, to take Maryland out of the Union"—and this in face of the fact that a secession ordinance was only prevented from passing the Maryland Legislature by its being broken up. To say nothing further of any knowledge which we here have had in the matter, was the universal assertion to the same effect throughout rebeldom false and a delusion? The rebels had, and have, as we all know, constant communication with sympathizers in Maryland. Did these sympathizers lie to the rebels, or does KANE fib now?

The Marshal declares also that he "had made careful and adequate preparations" to prevent any assault upon the Massachusetts volunteers in their passage through Baltimore. No one can credit this who remembers that on the very day when that assault was made, this very KANE sent the telegraph dispatch to BRADLEY T. JOHNSON, of Frederick, (the same individual who accompanied the rebel army when it entered Fredericksburgh, dragging the Stars and Stripes at his horse's tail) which our readers have often read, but which they will do well to look at again in this connection.

Thank you for your offer. Bring your men by the first train, and we will arrange with the railroad afterward. Streets closed with Maryland troops. Sent express to the mountains and valleys of Maryland and Virginia for the purpose to come without delay. Fresh bodies of Union volunteers will be down upon us to-morrow (the 20th). We will fight them and whip them or die.

GEN. P. KANE.

But it is when KANE comes to speak of this dispatch of his that he shines most shockingly. He actually has the impudence to declare that the "fresh hordes" which he speaks of in it, were not "Union volunteers," but were the Editors of the Tribune and their "Abolition associates." But "fresh hordes" means more of the sort that had passed through Baltimore the previous day, and if KANE was expecting the arrival of the Tribune Editors with their "Abolition associates" on the 20th, they must have been there on the 19th. Really, to see KANE declare that he did not mean "Union volunteers" by that expression—that it was not the soldiers of the Union whom he threatened "to whip or die," is almost the ultimate sublimity of—it must be said—lying.

After that, such minor misstatements as that the Rebels were guilty of hostility to

the Union," and that the tearing up of the railroads and breaking down of the telegraph lines which shut off Washington from communication with the North at the outbreak of the rebellion were not produced by hostility to the Government, hardly deserve notice. It can surprise no one, after seeing such misrepresentations as we have specified, to know that KANE closes his letter by admitting that his wishes are for the triumph of the Southern Confederacy, and declaring that "no honest man can call this a war for the Union, and no patriot can give it his support." Sympathy with the rebels and unblushing mendacity go hand in hand, and to some people they seem to "come by nature," as reading and writing did in Dogberry's opinion.

The Latest Outrage in Japan.

Personal security is not to be numbered among the blessings which foreigners enjoy in Japan. Whatever disposition the Government of the Tycoon may have to protect them, there can be no doubt that the Princes and their followers regard outside barbarians with aversion, and avail themselves of every opportunity to give vent to their animosity. The latest instance of this, and perhaps the most wanton and outrageous that has yet occurred, has been narrated by the Yokohama correspondent of this paper, and occurred on the 14th of September. A party of English, consisting of three gentlemen and one lady, left Yokohama on horseback, to visit a temple in the vicinity of Kawasaki. They had arrived midway between Kanagawa and the place of their destination, without meeting with accident of any kind; but there they unfortunately encountered a Prince and his retinue, who brusquely ordered them to turn back. This they immediately proceeded to do. Hardly, however, had they commenced their retrograde movement, when they were fiercely assaulted by the armed followers of the Japanese Chief. The lady, a Mrs. BORRADALE, had her hat cut from her head by a stroke of a sword, and owed her life to the fleetness of her horse. Two of the gentlemen—Messrs. MARSHALL and CLARK—were severely wounded, yet succeeded in reaching the American Consulate in Kanagawa. But the fate of Mr. RICHMONDS, the remaining member of the party, was more tragic and terrible. Faint from loss of blood, he was unable to keep his seat, and fell on the road insensible. On recovering consciousness he begged for a drink of water. There was, however, no good Samaritan there to minister to the wants of the dying stranger. Far otherwise. A norinon, or native carrier, passing at the time, its occupant, seeing a wounded man sitting on the wayside, asked what was the matter. "Oh, nothing," responded some of the bystanders, "he is merely a foreigner." Whereupon the inhuman wretch descended from his vehicle, drew his sword, and completed the work which the retainers of the Prince had left unfinished. The corpse of the murdered RICHMONDS was dragged some ten or twelve yards off the road, where it was subsequently pointed out to a party of Europeans and Americans, who came to seek it, by a youth who had been an eye-witness of the last act of butchery. When found it was covered with matting, and horribly mangled and mutilated. Such, according to our correspondent, and confirmed by the Japan Express and Herald, are the leading facts of this shocking catastrophe. A Singapore journal, evidently in the interest of Col. NAKA, the British Chargé, who has given great offence by his want of sympathy with the sufferers, attempts to apologize for the conduct of the Japanese, by alleging that the Europeans, in obstructing the way of the procession, were violating one of the social customs of Japan, which allows no person to intrude upon the thoroughfares when a Prince and his train are to pass. This view of the matter cannot, however, exculpate the assassins, or take from the atrocity of the outrage. For, notwithstanding the existence of such a custom, Mrs. BORRADALE and her friends were guiltless. The Prince who contemplated the procession was bound to notify the Government of his intention, while the Government was bound to give notice to the foreign Consulates or Legations. Now, in the present case, no notification of an armed band being given either to the Government or the foreign representatives, and therefore none of the individuals who composed that fatal pleasure party could have had the faintest conception that they were committing a breach of etiquette in riding into the town of Kawasaki, or that, by so doing, they were performing an act which might have cost them all their lives.

There is no justification whatever of this atrocious attack of the Prince's retainers on these unoffending strangers. It was not their obstruction of the highway that caused the savage passions of the barbarians to be inflamed, and provoked the murderous assault which followed. That was merely a pretext. It was the native hatred of foreigners, and the occurrence of so favorable an opportunity for indulging it that led to the outrage. The commercial and diplomatic relations which exist between Japan and the United States are altogether distasteful to the aristocratic class of that Empire. They would prefer their ancient isolation to intercourse and commerce with the external world. All the hospitable and honors lavished on the Ambassadors of their nation, during their visit to America and Europe, have not softened the antipathies of the Princes; and, as they are as powerful as their Government is feeble, they run no risk in offering violence to the intruders. But if the Japanese Government cannot protect the persons and property of foreign sojourners, then must those foreign Governments which claim the allegiance of such sojourners defend their rights. They can tolerate no more outrages like that near Kawasaki.

Another Arrival from Korea.

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FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC

An Important Letter from Gen. Burnside.

HIS EXPLANATION OF RECENT EVENTS.

Why the Battle of Fredericksburgh was Fought, and what Prevented Success.

HIS RESPONSIBILITY ACKNOWLEDGED.

The Army not Demoralized or Disorganized.

Our Losses in Killed, 1,192; in Wounded, 9,000; in Prisoners, 700.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, FALMOUTH, DEC. 19, 1862.

Major-General H. W. Halleck, General-in-Chief, United States Army, Washington.

GENERAL: I have the honor to offer the following reasons for moving the Army of the Potomac across the Rappahannock sooner than was anticipated by the President, the Secretary of War, or yourself, and for crossing at a point different from the one indicated to you at our last meeting at the President's.

During my preparations for crossing at the place I had first selected, I discovered that the enemy had thrown a large portion of his force down the river and elsewhere, thus weakening his defenses in front, and I also thought I discovered that he did not anticipate the crossing of our whole force at Fredericksburgh, and I hoped by rapidly throwing the whole command over at that place to separate, by a vigorous attack, the forces of the enemy on the river before the forces behind and on the crest in the rear of the town, in which case we could fight him with great advantage in our favor.

To do this we had to gain a height on the extreme right of the crest, which height commanded a new road lately made by the enemy for purposes of more rapid communication along his lines, which point gained, his positions along the crest would have been scarcely tenable, and he could have been driven from them easily by an attack on his front in connection with a movement in the rear of the crest.

How near we came to accomplishing our object future reports will show. But for the fog and unexpected and unavoidable delay in building the bridges, which gave the enemy twenty-four hours more to concentrate his forces in his strong positions, we would almost certainly have succeeded. In which case the result would have been, in my opinion, far more decisive than if we had crossed at the places first selected. As it was, we came very near success.

Failing to accomplish the main object, we remained in order of battle two days—long enough to decide that the enemy would not come out of his strongholds to fight us with his infantry—after which we retreated to this side of the river unmolested, without the loss of men or property.

As the day broke our long lines of troops were seen marching to their different positions as if going on parade—not the least demoralized or disorganized.

To the brave officers and soldiers who accomplished the feat of thus recrossing the river in the face of the enemy, I owe everything.

For the failure in this instance, I am responsible, as the extreme gallantry, courage and endurance shown by them was never exceeded, and would have carried the points had it been possible.

To the families and friends of the dead, I can only offer my heartfelt sympathies; but for the wounded, I can only offer my earnest prayers for their comfortable and rapid recovery.

The fact that I decided to move from Warrenton to this side of the river against the opinion of the President, Secretary of War and yourself, and that you in the above movement in any hands, without giving me orders, makes me responsible.

I will stay very soon, and give you more definite information, and finally, will send you my report, in which a special acknowledgment will be made of the services of the different Grand Divisions, Corps and my General and Staff Departments, the Army of the Potomac, to whom I am so much indebted for their support and hearty cooperation.

I will add here, that the movement was made earlier than you expected, and after the President, Secretary of War and yourself requested me not to be hasty, but the reason that we were supplied much sooner by the different Staff Departments than was anticipated when I last saw you.

Our killed amounts to eleven hundred and fifty-two, our wounded to about nine thousand, and our prisoners to about seven hundred, which last have been paroled and exchanged for about the same number taken by us.

The wounded were all removed to this side of the river, and are being well cared for, and the dead were buried in a common grave.

I am glad to represent the Army at the present time in good condition.

Thanking the Government for that entire support and confidence which I have always received from them.

I remain, General, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
A. E. BURNSIDE,
Major-General, Commanding Army of the Potomac.

struggle will not exceed 11,500, and reinforcements to more than that number have already reached us, and they continue to arrive.

I am at length able to furnish you some estimates of the losses which occurred in this wing of the army.

There were eight Divisions engaged, the three constituting Gen. Reynolds' command, First Corps, viz.: Gen. Meade's, Gibbons', and Doubleday's; three constituting Gen. Smith's command, Sixth, Fauntleroy's old Corps, Gen. Howe's, Brooks' and Newton's, and two Divisions of reinforcements, which arrived during the latter part of the engagement, from Gen. Stoneman's Corps, Hooker's Grand Division, viz.: Gen. Brainerd's and Sickles'.

The official returns of losses made to headquarters by the various Divisions are as follows:

Division	Killed	Wounded	Missing
Meade's	154	1,357	174
Gibbons'	150	934	161
Doubleday's	34	119	10
Howe's	13	19	69
Brooks'	72	80	12
Newton's	1	41	—
Sickles'	—	—	—
Total	443	3,148	1,942

Total killed, wounded and missing, 5,443.

These returns were, for various reasons, however, larger than the facts of the case would warrant. Large numbers who were temporarily reported from these commands, in the confusion which always accompanies a battle, were returned as missing, or in other words prisoners. Gen. Lee, in his official report, claims but 500 prisoners in all, add to this number about 300 who were left in Fredericksburgh, having strayed away for plunder, or secreted themselves in the houses for fear to escape from a second engagement, and who, owing to the secrecy and celerity of the retrograde movement across the river, did not become aware of it until too late, and we have the number of prisoners, from all the three Grand Divisions reduced to 800 instead of being 1,842 from one wing alone. Owing to the hurry and necessities of the case, many of the wounded, as they were borne from the field, were conveyed to the nearest division hospital, who belonged to some other division. I had personal knowledge of this fact myself. During the engagement large numbers were brought to the Burnside House, used as a hospital for Gen. Howe's Division, instead of being conveyed across the river to the hospitals to which they properly belonged. In the first hasty summary up, some of the losses were counted twice over. The truth of this statement is likewise shown by the returns of Gibbons' Division. The first estimate of losses sent to headquarters, placed the wounded at 954. Dr. Nugent's (Medical Director of the division) report, completed yesterday, reduces the number to 934, which are the accurate figures.

The facts in the case warrant me, therefore, in saying that 5,000 will fully cover, if not exceed by several hundreds, the total of losses incurred in the left wing of the army. Gen. Fauntleroy's Adjutant-General joins me in this statement. The same causes, likewise, operating on the center and right of the army, it will be found that the accurate list of total casualties there incurred were much less than 7,000, the figures first reported to headquarters.

We are safe, then, in concluding that 11,500 will cover the total losses suffered by our army during Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. When all the "stragglers" and "lost men" have returned to their commands, (I have met hundreds of them wandering through the fields and forests in search of their comrades) when all the wounded, scattered now in various division hospitals, and twice or three returned on the list of casualties; when, in brief, order takes the place of the confusion which necessarily follows a great battle, I shall not be surprised if it is found that nine or ten thousand will cover the actual losses.

What the rebel loss amounts to it is difficult to estimate at this time. Gen. Lee's official reports estimate it at eighteen hundred in all. Richmond papers—as well as our own large list of casualties—give the lie to this statement. The Richmond Dispatch speaks of "2,500 wounded" reaching Richmond "in addition to the number which had already arrived." More than 1,800 casualties must have resulted from the shelling of our heavy guns described on this side of the river—and described to me by prisoners and deserters as the most terrific musket fire experienced during the war.

Two of our divisions, viz. Gibbons' and Meade's, continue to remain on the river bank, near by to where the lower portion bridge was laid. A large dwelling, belonging to a Dr. Munson, and under the same occupied by him, is used for the former. Long rows of wide rooms, tents are pitched in the front yard and to the right and left of the dwelling. Dr. Cass J. Novgaur, the experienced Surgeon of the Ninth New-York State Militia Regiment until recently, but now of this division, has charge of the hospital. His assistants are: Dr. Enos G. Chase, Surgeon-in-Chief of First Brigade; Dr. Abraham L. Cox, Surgeon-in-Chief of Second Brigade; Dr. Alonzo W. Whitman, Surgeon-in-Chief of Third Brigade; Dr. Walter B. Conventy, Twenty-sixth Regiment New-York Volunteers; D. R. S. Dana, Recorder.

Sixty-seven cases of amputation have occurred, from which only two deaths have resulted. Calliope has been amputated, and 166 patients with compound fractures. Out of the whole number of wounded (19,442) four died in the hospital and 3 in the ambulances while being conveyed from the battle-field. The names will be found below. The remaining 770 the Director informs me will recover with the exception of six. The following is a copy of his report completed and sent to yesterday:

Grand Division	Killed	Wounded	Missing
First Corps	443	3,148	1,942
Second Corps	—	—	—
Third Corps	—	—	—
Fourth Corps	—	—	—
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Sixth Corps	—	—	—
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Grand total 11,500.

Three hundred have since been forwarded to the Washington hospitals.

Assistant-Surgeon R. S. Dana, Recorder.

Doubleday's Division Hospital is located in the woods, directly back from where the lower bridge was destroyed. It consists of two rows of large, roomy tents, made of cotton and canvas, and is the most comfortable of the kind ever seen. The wounded are being well cared for, and the dead were buried in a common grave.

The following are the names of the killed and wounded:

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rious divisions commenced moving into the interior to assume a defensive position. Fully twelve hundred men are confined at these hospitals, and a very large corps of surgeons, nurses, attendants, ambulance drivers, and men otherwise employed. The enemy, when on the opposite shore within hearing distance, watching all our movements, could easily send a force of fifty armed men across on a raft or small boat, and patrol the entire river. Intelligence to this effect sent to Headquarters at Falmouth, during the forenoon, but up to the time of my leaving, 6 o'clock, P. M., in picket force had made its appearance. If this state of affairs continues, even if it does not result in capture, it will occasion much anxiety among the medical corps, and the most depressing effect among the wounded.

Yesterday morning two shots were fired from one of our batteries planted on the bluffs, at squads of rebels collected near the Burnside House, on the opposite shore. The rebels were employed all day in digging rifle-pits and throwing up breastworks in the vicinity of Fredericksburgh, which they again occupy in force. But few of the citizens, I should judge from appearances, have returned. Many of the women sought refuge within our lines while the battle was progressing. The last of the pontoons were taken from the river and removed to a place of safety yesterday. Instead of going back and forth on their beats in plain view from this side, as was the case prior to the battle, the enemy's pickets stationed along the bank of the river now conceal themselves behind breastworks of dirt temporarily thrown up, and in rifle pits or houses. The soldiers are in good spirits and more enthusiastic than ever in their admiration for Gen. Burnside, as the impression grows stronger that the Washington authorities ordered him to prematurely move into the dangerous trap from which he so skillfully extricated them. Officers and soldiers who distrusted his military capacity for withstanding a large army now unite in extolling his generalship and skill. A paroled prisoner, belonging to the Eighth Connecticut, who was in Richmond during and prior to the engagement, reports that heavy guns were being sent up to the army from the fortifications around the city for several days before the battle. In one squad of prisoners taken were two members of the Fifty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, which they informed me is mostly made up of conscript Union sympathizers. I have held a lengthy conversation with one of them, an intelligent young man from Chicago. Finding that he could not escape to the North or avoid being impressed, he concluded to accept \$12, to go as a substitute, and desert on the first opportunity. He was caught in the act and sent to Richmond and imprisoned. On the day before the battle he was taken out, sent here, and given parole, his hands and feet being freed from the restraints which he bore one of our charges, he remained behind concealed in the bushes, expecting our soldiers would come up and rescue him. The charging force, however, failing to follow up their success, he was seized with the most intense forebodings, knowing as he did that he would surely be hung if caught in the act of deserting the second time. In a moment of frenzy he whipped out his jackknife, and made two perforations opposite each other in his left leg, hoping thereby to make the rebels think that he was wounded, and on this account lagged in the rear. He afterwards, fortunately for himself, made his escape. His wound is a poor apology for a gun-shot hole, though it might have passed muster with rebel surgeons if he had been taken, and thereby saved his life. He communicated to me many interesting facts in regard to the Southern Confederacy, his companion assenting to the truth of everything he said. There was very much solicitude at Richmond lest the "Yankees" should get control of the railroad leading to Raleigh, and thereby cut off supplies for the army. About one-third of the rebel army of the Potomac proper have been quartered on the Peninsula, along the Chickahominy, and at other points, to repel any visit which Baxxa, Kaysa, or any other Northern General may make in that quarter. The remaining force were massed in front of us. Large numbers of negroes are employed in throwing up fortifications at suitable spots all the way between here and Richmond. It is not safe for a person between the ages of 18 and 45 to walk the streets of that pestiferous city in citizens' dress. The military authorities consider that they have rendered its capture a moral impossibility. This was contrary to his opinion. During the time he was narrating the above, and much other interesting information, many of his fellow-prisoners, who reclined on the grass close by, listened to the conversation, indicated by their silent looks and oft-repeated sighs, the truth of the statements, and the danger which they felt at their being made known.

Finally, "Dann you, if I don't kill you I'll get a chance" on my producing writing material, he dictated a letter to his friends, relatives, informing them that he was now among friends, "and should soon be with them."

LIST OF DEATHS AMONG THE WOUNDED IN THE HOSPITAL OF GIBBONS' DIVISION, REYNOLDS' CORPS, UP TO FRIDAY NIGHT, DEC. 12.

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THEATRE FRANCAIS—(Niblo's Saloon)—DOY CARRÉ
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BARNUM'S MUSEUM—THE DRAMA, COLLEGE BAWN,
this afternoon and evening. DRESSAGE AU
Morceau, GIGI GIRL, etc., all performed.
GOUPIUS GALLERY—CANCAN'S NIAGARA.
BROADWAY MENAGERIE—COMPLETE SCHOOL OF
NATURAL HISTORY.
PALACE OF MUSIC HALL—BUCKLEY'S SERENADES.
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PANTOMIME OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

THE REBELLION.

official reports

on the table. Bills proposing a temporary Government for the Territory of Idaho, and to enable Nevada, Colorado and Utah to form State Governments preliminary to their admission into the Union, were referred to the Committee on Territories. A resolution declaring null and void the appointments of Midshipmen during the recess of Congress, was laid over. The President was called upon for information relative to the action of our Minister to Mexico, in signing a protest against the expulsion from Mexico of French subjects. The Committee of Ways and Means was instructed to inquire into the expediency of exempting from tax newspapers not circulating over 3,500 copies. A bill for the emancipation of the slaves of rebels in the States and Territories of the United States was introduced by Mr. BINGHAM, of Ohio, and referred. A resolution, offered by Mr. MAY, of Maryland, calling for an order from Secretary Seward charged to have been sent to the prisoners at Fort Warren, forbidding them to employ counsel, was laid on the table, 63 to 48. A joint resolution, was passed, declaring it as the opinion of the House that the claims of the soldiers and sailors should have the preference of all other claims on the Treasury. A resolution to extend the privileges of citizenship to aliens serving one year in the Marine Corps or Navy, was referred to the Judiciary Committee. A Select Committee to inquire whether any employees of the Government is interested in banking or contracts was ordered. A resolution to give

GENERAL NEWS.

MILITARY CACUMNIES—GENS. SIOXL AND McDOWELL.—In the heat and hurry of current events, probably many of our readers have already forgotten the startling reports which reached us by telegraph of the extraordinary behavior of Gen. McDOWELL, as attested by Gen. SIOXL, on the battle-field of Manassas, in the Pope campaign. It was asserted that Gen. SIOXL had detected McDOWELL waving his handkerchief as a reasonable signal to the enemy—that he marched his men up to be surrendered—that Gen. SIOXL rode up and indignantly demanded explanations of his conduct, and that, failing to receive them, he shot the detected traitor on the spot. The next day it was ascertained that McDOWELL was not dead, and that SIOXL's bullet glanced from his sabre. But confirmations of the main part of the story continued to come in, and probably thousands and tens of thousands of

The Cabinet Crisis.

We repeat our conviction that the success of such an effort would have been a public calamity. Whatever may have been the motives of individual Senators, it would have been regarded by the country as a factious movement,—as aiming rather at a personal triumph or the victory of opinion on minor points, than at the consolidation of the North in hostility to the rebellion. It must not be forgotten that the substantial union of the great mass of the loyal people of the country, has been our strength thus far in the prosecution of the war. We have had, to a most remarkable extent, all things considered, the concurrence and aid of the great body of the Democratic Party in the terrible contest we have been called to wage. *And we doubt it still.* Yet no considerate man can need think that the suc-

Impatience and Injustice.

This hope deferred is hard. Of course it is hard. It is a very sore trial. But after a while are our trials to those experienced by our rebel enemies? And are they are patient, why should we be so restless? It has always been supposed that patience was anything but natural to their Southern temperament. And yet they have schooled themselves hitherto in a situation vastly more trying than ours. While we are surrounded with abundance, they are in personal want of many of the necessities of life. They do not dress themselves in the morning, but that they feel it in their mean attire. They do not sit at a meal, but that they see it in their hard fare. They do not stand by the bed of the sick or wounded, but that they hear it. The effects of this war upon home to them in a commerce annihilated, staples rotting, currency ruined, cities extinguished, property unsalable, marriage intercourse broken up, education arrested, the enforced absence of fathers and sons from nearly every household—in the daily approach

A Good Example.

But there is one thing that remains to be accounted for: Whence came that cloud of lies which overhung the country and killed the land with cursing and bitter tears? Who invented the falsehood that Burnside protested against fighting this battle and refused, until peremptorily ordered to fight from Washington? Who invented the lie that Burnside was solemnly promised positions, and that Gen. Halleck "forgot to give the order"? These and the kindred falsehoods that were instantly let loose, at

OPERATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Details of Gen. Foster's Movements

GALLANTRY OF THE NINTH NEW-JERSEY

Officers to be Promoted for Their Bravery.

ACCOUNTS FROM REBEL SOURCES

of Major-Gen. Greed, of South Carolina, who led
in the conflict at Fredericksburgh."

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TEMS. New and reliable treatment. By **D. H. HARRIS, M. D.**, formerly Professor of Special Anatomy and Physiology, University of Michigan, and **DR. F. C. PRIEST**, of the Medical Information for the Million, St. Paul, Minn. Sold by all druggists.

SOMETHING FOR EVERY LADY.—**DR. WARD'S Great Female Benefactor** or **Golden Rule** for **WOMEN**. Infallible in correcting, regulating and relieving all female troubles. It is a **purely medicinal** preparation, and is **entirely safe** for **purely medicinal purposes**—to **restore the menstrual system** to its normal condition. It is sold by all druggists. Office, **No. 12 Lighthouse**, where **DR. WARD** can be consulted.

SULPHUR AND VAPOUR BATHS ESTABLISHED IN 1820.—The only genuine baths in the United States at **No. 1 Carroll place, Bieschke & Co., New York**. For **all diseases of the skin**, **respiratory organs**, etc. **Given daily** by **DR. A. L. TIMOLAT & CO.**

DR. RALPH, AUTHOR OF THE "PILGRIM'S PROGRESS," has been **attending to the treatment of the sick** in **Brooklyn**. Those who apply in the **earlier stages** will be **surprised at the ease and rapidity of the cure**.

PRIVATE CONSULTATION.—**DR. HUNTER** has induced a **certain class**, in which he has treated no less than **thirty years**, to **believe that he has discovered a great remedy**. **HUNTER'S KIDNEY CURE** cures certain diseases, when regular treatment and all other remedies have failed. It is **entirely safe** and **entirely reliable** for the patient, cures without the disgusting and sickening effects of other remedies.

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FURNANCE OF AN ORDER OF THE
Surrogate of the County of New York, notice is hereby
JOHN MEERBEKE, late of the City of New-York, deceased
to present the same with vouchers thereof to the
Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 23d
day of March next.
MARY VAN MEERBEKE, Administratrix.

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PROPOSALS.

DEPUTY QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 19TH, 1862.

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT
the office until the 1st day of May, 1862, for the
delivery in this city of two hundred two-horse ambu-
lances, complete, including Patent:
and ready for delivery on or before the 15th of
January, 1863. The ambulances to be made according to
the specifications attached hereto. In this offer,
the right is reserved to accept all bids deemed too high.
(Signed) A. BOYD, Captain and A. Q. M.

AUTHOR ABOUT PUBLISHING SEV-
eral works, desires to meet a liberal-minded person
who will undertake to publish his works, and who will
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be secondly a man imbued with the great moral
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experience in publishing business.

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**"FIVE-TWENTY" YEAR
SIX PER CENT. BONDS.**
COUPON AND REGISTERED, IN DENOMINATIONS
\$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, and \$5,000.
INTEREST TO BE PAID ON THE 15TH OF
JANUARY NEXT.

The interest on these bonds is at the rate of 6 per cent.
annum, payable in cash on the 15th of January next.
The principal of the bonds is payable on the 15th of
January next, at the option of the Government.
The bonds are payable to the order of the Government.
They are the bonds upon which the Government now
relies for the confidence and patriotism of the people.
We keep them for sale to facilitate investment in them
and make them more accessible to the public, and every
one interested in them should be sure to get them at the
direct and immediate support of the Government.

RISK & HATCH.
BANKERS, 20 WALL-ST., DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT
AND OTHER DESIRABLE SECURITIES.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.
Office of the New York and New Jersey Railroad and
Harbor Company, New York, Dec. 22, 1892.
This Company is not prepared to pay at the office of
Messrs. Van Dusen & Co., No. 44 Wall-st., New York,
the principal of the bonds of the New York and New Jersey
Railroad and Harbor Company, No. 1, 1892, 1893, 1894,
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made remarks in response to various sentiments, some personal and others allusive to the generosity of the party, and all gave the due tribute to the memory of the deceased. The funeral was held at the residence of the deceased, and the body was interred in the cemetery of the same name. The funeral was held at the residence of the deceased, and the body was interred in the cemetery of the same name.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.—Grammar School No. 33, Twenty-eighth-street, near Ninth-avenue, yesterday inaugurated their "Merry Christmas" time, by their annual semi-annual "Reception." A large audience was in attendance, and the pupils, under the care of Miss Clara B. Edwards, Principal, were in high feather, and gave great delight to all who witnessed their performance. The songs, duets, recitations, with the exhibitions of Callisthenes, were well given. The "Charge of the Six Hundred," recited by one hundred young misses, had a singularly thrilling effect, and we think would have given to its author a new idea of his lines. The whole entertainment was a very good success, though an instance of discourtesy on the part of the authorities towards a lady visitor, was to be regretted. Such things should be "reformed altogether."

STREET-SWEEPERS STRIKE.—There are about forty street-cleaners—laborers and cartmen—employed in the Seventeenth Ward, under a contractor named HANNA, who has failed to pay them promptly for their labor, and now for their consideration the men have been employed under HANNA since last August. They went to work reluctantly, knowing from experience that sub-contractors are not the best of paymasters; but they were assured by Mr. HANNA that they need have no doubts of the reliability of HANNA, and that he (HANNA) would see that they received their pay, in anything should prove unsatisfactory in respect to getting their wages, which, however, were not paid. The men, therefore, did not, and hence the men have left their work and demand not only back pay, but a surety of their pay for the future, being unwilling to work for any irresponsible sub-contractor.

OUR DEAD AT FREDERICKSBURG.—Friday, the 20th inst., has been fixed by the Committee on National Affairs as the time for the obsequies of Col. James H. Bull, late of the Sixty-sixth Regiment, at whose head he fell before Fredericksburg. The body of Capt. John P. Dooz, of the same regiment, will be interred at the same time, with probably the remains of several others of our gallant dead. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock precisely, and in the meantime the bodies will lie in state at the Governor's Room, though not exposed to view, under the care of Mr. Geo. W. Rouse, keeper of the City Hall. The Seventy-first Regiment will act as a guard of honor on the solemn occasion. Capt. Dooz was a member of the Twenty-third Regiment, and was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock precisely, and in the meantime the bodies will lie in state at the Governor's Room, though not exposed to view, under the care of Mr. Geo. W. Rouse, keeper of the City Hall.

TAMMANY HALL.—A meeting of the General Committee of Tammany Hall was held on Monday, ELIAS F. PERRY, Chairman; Dr. A. B. ROLLINS, Secretary. After organizing, it was on motion resolved, that a Committee of one from each Ward be appointed in reference to a change in the Board of Police Commissioners. Also that the 6th of January, the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, be celebrated in a manner befitting the occasion, by a sumptuous dinner at Tammany Hall, to which the distinguished victors of the Democratic Party are invited. The report of the Finance Committee for the year 1892 was received and approved. The report of the Committee on the City of New York, announcing a full Democratic victory in the city of New York, was received and approved. The Committee then adjourned to meet on Monday next, Dec. 29, at 7 o'clock.

TWO CONVICT MURDERERS HAVE A FIGHT IN THE TOMBS.—A few days ago, Dr. MORGAN L. BROWN and CHARLES M. JEFFREYS, both confined in the Tombs under sentence of death for murder, got into a discussion while together in the new part of the prison. They soon became very much excited, whereupon JEFFREYS struck BROWN several blows in the face with his fist, blacking his eyes, and causing him to bleed. BROWN, who was unarmed, did not retaliate, but the prisoners were taken back to the old part of the prison, where they remained in close confinement. JEFFREYS exhibits his vicious nature on every convenient opportunity.

DEATHS FROM BURN.—CORONER RANNEY held an inquest at No. 74 Suffolk-street, on the body of Mrs. SARAH BRIDGES, 60 years of age and born in New York, who died from the effects of burns accidentally received in consequence of her clothes taking fire while sitting with her back to the fire. She was horribly burned before the flames could be extinguished. CATHERINE HILTZMAN, a child 3 years of age, died in Fifty-sixth-street, near Eleventh-avenue, from burns received by her clothes taking fire from a grate. Her mother, Mrs. J. H. HILTZMAN, was present at the inquest. CORONER RANNEY held an inquest and the jury rendered a verdict of death from burns accidentally received.

FUNERAL OF LIEUT. BIRMINGHAM. OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH REGIMENT, N. Y. S. V.—The funeral of this gallant young officer, who fell before Fredericksburg, took place yesterday afternoon, from the residence in Seventh-avenue, and was attended by the officers of the Sixty-sixth Regiment, New York State National Guard, of which deceased was a member during the first campaign of Virginia. The body was taken on a special train to the City of the Living Cemetery.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED.—THOMAS SNOW, recently arrested on suspicion of receiving stolen goods, has had an examination before Justice CONNELLEY, which resulted in his honorable discharge, there being no evidence against him.

SOMETHING TO BE REMEMBERED.—We hope the inmates of the Newsboys' Lodging-house will not be forgotten by the public at Christmas, and that they may not suffer such a disappointment as they did on Thanksgiving Day. Contributions may be sent to the Superintendent of the Institution, Sun Building, Fulton-street.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

STREET CLEANING AND REPAIRS TO WELLS AND PUMPS.—The Brooklyn Board of Contracts met yesterday morning, to receive and open proposals for cleaning the streets, and repairing the wells and pumps of the city for the ensuing year. The bids were numerous, and there was a large attendance of parties interested. The lowest bidders for cleaning the streets, and to whom the contracts will probably be awarded, are as follows, with the prices at which they offer to do the work:

First Ward, Timothy Bannan, \$1,200; C. Burns, \$1,200; Third Ward, F. Hickey, \$1,200; Fourth Ward, F. Hickey, \$1,200; Fifth Ward, J. Mahon, \$1,200; Sixth Ward, J. Mahon, \$1,200; Seventh Ward, Wm. Sweeney, \$500; Eighth Ward, J. Dunn, \$425; Ninth Ward, D. P. Dunn, \$500; Tenth Ward, D. P. Dunn, \$500; Eleventh Ward, D. P. Dunn, \$500; Twelfth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Thirteenth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Fourteenth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Fifteenth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Sixteenth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Seventeenth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Eighteenth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Nineteenth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Twentieth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Twenty-first Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Twenty-second Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Twenty-third Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Twenty-fourth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Twenty-fifth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Twenty-sixth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Twenty-seventh Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Twenty-eighth Ward, M. O'Brien, \$500; Twenty-ninth Ward, M. 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AMUSEMENTS OF THE EVENING.

WINTER GARDEN—THE LARKS OF KILLARNEY.
LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—BLONDES: OR, THE NAUGHTY PRINCE AND THE PARTY PRINCESS.
WALLACK'S—THE CENTRAL PARK.

NIBLO'S GARDEN—FACET AND MARQUETTE.
COOPER INSTITUTE—FATHER KEMP'S OLD FOLKS.
BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC—IRON CHEST—DON CARRIE DE BAZAN.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—THE DRAMA, COLLEGE BAWN, AND THE AMERICAN EVENING. DARRINGTON'S PERFORMING BEARS, GIANT GIRL, &c., at all hours.
GOFFIN'S GALLERY—CHURCH'S NIAGARA.

BROADWAY MENAGERIE—COMPLETE SCHOOL OF NATURAL HISTORY.
PALACE OF MUSIC HALL—BUCKLEY'S SEVEN DANCE.
NIBLO'S SALOON—GOFFIN & WILSON'S POLYKONA.

REVENUE STAMPS FOR CHECKS, in sheets, for sale at TOWN'S Counting-Room.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Again the rebel report of a disaster to our arms in North Carolina is followed by our own report of a victory. A day or two ago, it will be remembered, we published a rebel dispatch, received by way of Nashville, dated at Wilmington, N. C., announcing that Gen. Foster had attacked Goldsboro, but had been repulsed with great slaughter. This morning we have a dispatch from Gen. Foster, which, though covering but a dozen lines, is pregnant with importance and success. He says he has burned the railroad bridges at Goldsboro and Mount Olive, and torn up several miles of the track of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad. Four engagements have been fought—at Southwest Creek, Kinston, White Hall and Goldsboro—in all of which the enemy have, to use Gen. Foster's expression, been "handcuffed and whipped." The details of these brilliant operations will be awaited with much interest. No intimation as to our losses is given.

The President has issued an address to the Army of the Potomac, regarding the late battle of Fredericksburg. He says that although the army was not successful, the attempt was not an error, nor the failure other than an accident. He extols the courage with which our troops, in an open field, faced the enemy behind intrenchments, and the skill with which the Rappahannock was crossed and recrossed. He condoles with the mourners for the dead, sympathizes with the severely wounded, and tenders all, officers and soldiers, the thanks of the nation.

The report of the Committee on the Conduct of the War, regarding the recent repulse at Fredericksburg, is given in full in the columns of the Times this morning. It includes the testimony of Gen. Burnside regarding all the movements of the army since he assumed command, and coincides in all particulars with the statements on the subject recently given by us.

The advice from the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac are not important. No shots have been exchanged with the rebels for several days, and the river pickets maintain a friendly disposition toward each other.

Gen. Burnside has made another statement in regard to the losses at Fredericksburg, correcting his former one in the light of later medical reports. The whole number of wounded he now puts down at between six and seven thousand, instead of nine thousand, as before reported. About one-half of the wounded are receiving treatment in hospitals.

Mr. JOHN S. BAREY has, at the request of Gen. Halleck, visited the Army of the Potomac, to ascertain and report upon the condition of the horses in that army. His report is given elsewhere. It will be seen that he gives a better account of their condition than we have been led to expect, though it is certainly bad enough. He gives some suggestions as to the proper treatment of the animals, which will no doubt be adopted, as far as possible.

A body of rebel cavalry are said to have been about Leesburg on Saturday last—doubtless a portion of WHITE'S band.

The lower branch of the Connecticut Legislature, on Friday, by a vote of 130 to 43, adopted a resolution which reads thus: "That our confidence in the patriotism and integrity of the President of the United States remains unshaken, and that, as the representatives of the people of this State, we pledge ourselves to support and sustain him in the prosecution of all measures which shall be found necessary to suppress the infernal rebellion now raging, and to reestablish the National Union, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution, and restore the supremacy of the law throughout our entire country. And while we tender to him our sympathy in the trying and difficult circumstances in which he is placed, and in the pressure of so momentous responsibilities, we deprecate every attempt to impute to him such evils or disasters as may have resulted from the errors of judgment, inefficiency or culpability of subordinate officials, and which no exertions on his part could have prevented or averted."

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday, a message was received from the President, transmitting the report of Hon. REVERDY JOHNSON, as Commissioner to New Orleans. The House resolution, to adjourn over for the holidays, was concurred in. A resolution, making the inquiries of the Committee appointed to investigate the matter of the Banks' transports general, was adopted. Mr. LANE, of Kansas, gave notice of a bill to authorize the President to raise two hundred regiments of colored soldiers. A bill for the relief of the owners of the Norwegian bark *Admiral P. Tordenskjold* was reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations. The resolution relative to sending troops into the State of Delaware during the election was discussed until the expiration of the morning hour, when the Dankrupt bill was taken up and debated at considerable length. During the proceedings, a report from the Committee on the Conduct of the War, relative to the disaster at Fredericksburg, was handed in and ordered to be printed. After an Executive Session the Senate adjourned.

In the House, Mr. PENDLETON, of Ohio, made another effort to get the protest against the Indemnity bill placed on the journal, but it failed. The Legislative, Judicial and Executive Appropriation bill was reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, and its consideration postponed until Jan. 5. A bill to establish a postal money order system was reported from the Post-office Committee, and immediately passed. It provides for a charge of five cents on every ten dollars. A resolution was adopted directing an inquiry into the correspondence which passed in April, 1861, between Mr. KENNEDY, Superintendent of the Census, and Jacob Thompson, of Mississippi, in relation to the census of 1860.

only one of Mr. BURNHAM'S Cabinet officers. The bill to annul the treaties with certain Sioux and Dakota Indians, and to indemnify the sufferers by their atrocities, was considered in Committee of the Whole. A vote was subsequently taken upon the passage of the bill, but no quorum was present, though the vote was 64 to 18. The House again adjourned until the first Monday in January.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Board of Aldermen met at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the Comptroller sent in his estimates of the expenses of the City Government for 1863, which were referred to the Finance Committee. Their total amount is \$7,088,537 56, of which \$1,071,557 36 is for the redemption of the City debt, including war loans, and \$295,771 20 for interest on the City debt. The total amount on the appropriation of the City for 1862 was \$6,187,555 15. The Board then adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M. on Friday.

The Board of Councilmen met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The Mayor sent in a message vetoing the resolutions authorizing a purchase of the Fort Genesee property, at the price of \$533,000, on the ground that he believes the title to it is in the Corporation, and that the price is too high, even if the purchase of the property is to be made. The message was laid over. A resolution by Mr. BRYAN was adopted, inquiring of the City Inspector what steps he has taken, or can take, to have the street-sweepers in the Ninth Ward paid by the street-cleaning contractor, who is behindhand in paying his men employed there. The Railway Committee presented majority and minority reports in relation to the Sixth-avenue Railroad Company. Both reports recommended that the Corporation Council be empowered to prosecute the Company for obtaining a license to run cars that have been run without licenses; and the majority report further recommends that the Street Commissioner be directed to remove the tracks which the Company have put down without the authority of the Corporation Council. Both reports were laid over. The resolution to give the sixty-ninth Regiment, N. Y. S. G. \$10,000, in consideration of their having enlisted for the war, was concurred in. Adjourned till 4 o'clock P. M. on Friday.

The Board of Supervisors met at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A message from the Mayor, vetoing the resolutions to transfer the charge and control of the new Court-house building to the Board, was read and laid over. The veto is based on the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, given in October, 1861, and very recently reaffirmed by him, that the New City Hall Commissioners are entitled to the work of constructing the building. The Police Commissioners reported that they have expended \$87,884 of surplus funds in building the new Police headquarters, and requested the privilege of using \$20,000 of unexpended balances of appropriations for the Department for the purpose of fitting up the building. The Communication was referred. The Excise Commissioners reported, in a lengthy document, a list of the names of the persons, and their places of business, to whom they have granted licenses this year. The report was referred, with power to send for persons and papers, with the view of ascertaining the amount of commissions from the licenses. The resolution to pay Gen. H. PRATT the various amounts due him, in full, of the claims assigned to him by the workmen employed on the new Court-house, was taken up and passed. Adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M. on Friday.

The Sunday-school children of Trinity Church will hold their annual Christmas festival in Trinity Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The church is richly decorated with evergreens, and in the middle porch will stand a large Christmas tree, the gifts upon which will be distributed to the children at the close of the festival. During the afternoon the well-known chimer, Mr. JAMES AYLIFFE, will play several tunes upon the bells.

The iron-clad *Patapsco*, built at Wilmington, Del., is expected to arrive at the Philadelphia Navy-yard on Friday next, completely equipped for service. She is one of the Monitor fleet.

Early on last Saturday morning the Post-office in New-London, Conn., was broken open and robbed. The mails from Boston and New-York, those prepared for the United States frigate *Sabine*, and the contents of the general delivery were taken.

The people of New-Haven, Conn., have been trying to flood the principal city park, so as to make a skating pond of it. Thus far they have only succeeded in producing a strip of ice where little urchins slide.

Capt. BAYLOR, notorious throughout Western Virginia as a guerrilla leader, has been captured near Charleston.

The principal business men of Troy have published a card, saying that they will neither receive nor pay out individual shipmasters after Jan. 1.

At Special Term of the Superior Court, Justice BARBOUR has rendered decision in a case involving some interesting questions touching contracts between husbands and wives, and also in relation to bills of exchange, acceptances, &c. A note of the case will be found in the law column.

The Stock Market was less firm yesterday on the speculative shares, but steady on Government bonds. Gold, 122½; Exchange, 145½ cent.

Flour was quiet and depressed yesterday. Wheat was quiet and steady, and after a cold rather frothy. Pork and lard were active and declining. Beef was in fair request, as were also Cotton and Molasses. Bacon was freely purchased at full rates. Sugar was more inquired for. Coffee, Tea, Fish, Fruit, Hemp, Hides, Leather, Oil, Metals, Rice, Spices, Chemicals, Tobacco, Wool, and various other goods were in limited demand. More extensive freight engagements were reported, but at drooping rates.

The Live Stock markets are not so well supplied with animals this week. There is a falling off of 1,200 cattle, 1,000 sheep, and 15,000 hogs, making a large deficit as compared with last week. Poultry, however, in part makes up for this loss, an enormous quantity of turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens having been forwarded for holiday week. They are selling so cheap that large numbers of citizens turn from the roast beef or pork steak to the more savory turkey. Bees were 5,012, of which 4,391 were offered at Forty-fourth-street. This price was too many for the supply last week, and the yards were swarming with bees. The closing rates being nearly 1c. lower than the opening. Good cattle were not plenty, and, as most butchers wanted good beef this week, they were in special request, and went off quite freely at rising last week's rates. There were a goodly number of extra fat cattle for Christmas, for some of which 11c. @ 12c. lb. net weight, was paid. All of this class were well sold, but come to the "rough stuff" of which the supply far exceeds the demand, and there was almost a dead lock. Butchers did not want such mean animals, and would not take them except at very low rates. One lot went begging purchasers at 25¢ head, or 5c. lb. net. The average for all classes was about 7c. lb. net. Sheep and lambs numbered less than 8,000. There is a good demand for fat sheep at 5c. lb. net weight, and 6c. if selected. A few very large and extra fat sheep brought \$15 @ \$20 each, or 7c. @ 8c. lb. net. Common stock sells slowly. Live hogs number but 35,154—a large supply at ordinary rates, but light compared with the late week's rates. They were sold at 4c. @ 5c. lb. net. Prices are rather firmer, and corn-fed hogs bringing 5c. @ 6c. lb. net, and still-fed 4c. All kinds are selling as fast as they arrive.

Gov. SKYMOOR.—We understand that Gov. SKYMOOR has tendered to Major SPRAGUE, of the United States Army, the position of Adjutant-General. We are further informed that in the letter inviting him to assume the duties of that office, Gov. SKYMOOR expresses his desire to have some one fill it who will act in harmony with the Federal Government, and whose practical acquaintance with military affairs will enable the State of New-York to maintain the proud preeminence she has thus far held in the work of maintaining the Union and the Constitution. The tone of the letter indicates anything but the purpose of obstructing the war, which has been attributed to Gov. SKYMOOR by some of his political opponents.

The Great Necessity—The Government and the People.

The war needs many amendments doubtless; but the prime one is this: the people must deal more fairly by the Government, and the Government more fairly by the people. The Government and the people have reciprocal rights and duties. These must be better observed on both sides, or failure is inevitable.

First, the people must judge the Government less hastily and harshly. They have just poured upon it their hottest wrath—for what, as is now proved, it was in no wise responsible for. Gen. Burnside moved upon Fredericksburg heights not only without the orders of Government, but, as he himself declares, against its anticipations. This movement, under the circumstances, was probably justifiable on every military principle; but, whether so or not, everybody now admits that the Government has not to answer for it. This undue swiftness to condemn has lately been becoming a regular habit of the public mind. It comes, naturally enough, perhaps, from the continued disappointment in realizing decisive results. But it must not be indulged. There never was a human Government yet that could command events. "Man proposes, God disposes." All that can rightly be asked of our Government is, that it should do its best. Knowing the motives which should impel the Administration thus to endeavor—its recorded oath, its personal devotion to the cause, its praise among the people, its credit in history—we are bound to suppose that it is guilty of no lack of faithful effort, until it clearly appears to the contrary. A just allowance must be made for the unexampled difficulties with which the Government is surrounded. Upon almost every one of its departments an amount of work and responsibility has been devolved, in comparison with which all that has ever before been known there was mere child's play. It would require more than human intelligence, and more than human energy, to meet all this host of new duties inflexibly and completely. At the best there must be some shortcomings and error. Improvement, of course, we have a right to expect. But every observant man knows that the business administration of the war has mended greatly since its early stage—quite as much so, probably, as its martial conduct in the field. A thousand faults have been corrected in both spheres of action. Others doubtless still remain to be exposed and remedied. Experience develops these, and experience takes time. We must be patient.

Above all things, we must avoid the fault-finding spirit. Nearly every man feels a strong temptation in this direction. His favorite General has not been elevated to, or retained in, the highest command; or his favorite policy, in respect to Slavery, has not been observed. This excites dissatisfaction, which in turn begets general censoriousness. But it is all wrong. The cause at stake is of infinitely more moment than any personal consideration, or any party policy. It is impossible that all shall be satisfied in respect to such predilections. The true patriot, however earnest he may be concerning them, will yet keep them to their own proper limit, and never allow them to bias his judgment upon matters with which they legitimately have nothing to do, and to stimulate a general indiscriminate opposition. This is the very essence of faction. This spirit vents itself not only in rash judgments and fierce reproaches about current events, when only half understood or altogether misunderstood, but also in reverting to the past, and dragging up old complaints. For instance, there is still a loud clamor in certain quarters about arbitrary arrests, in spite of the fact that no such arrests are now made, and that those who suffered from them have been released. Whether those arrests, under the circumstances, were or were not justifiable, may perhaps be a debatable question. But this is not the time to debate it. Those who do so, in spite of the fact that it has ceased to be practical, and who make use of it to bring the Government into reproach, are, whether they feel it or not, untrue to patriotic duty. If the Government has erred in the past, let its errors sleep. They have no business with the present. Judge the Government by the present. In common justice, judge it only on known truths; and, in common charity, considering its tremendous burden of duty, judge it generously.

Second, the Government in return must put more trust in the people. It must take more pains to get a correct understanding of public opinion. There is reason to apprehend that, in its constant press of business, it pays little attention to what is said of it outside of its immediate circle. Mischievous must come of this. No responsible Government can afford to ignore or neglect public opinion—least of all a Republican Government, which lives only in the people. The Government, too, is bound, so far as it well can, to enlighten public opinion by timely explanations. One of the peculiarities of our system is the exclusion of the Cabinet from seats in the legislative halls. In England, and in France, and even in the rebel Confederacy, under the Confederate Constitution, the heads of the various departments are present at the legislative sittings, and always ready to submit to any interpellations, and by speech explain every governmental act. In consequence, these Administrations, whether sustained or not, are at least understood. Again, our present Administration, unlike nearly every one which has preceded it, has no public journal that can speak, on occasion, with its authority. The non-possession of such an organ, though an advantage in some respects, operates unfavorably in this. Thus, in default of a place in Congress, and of a newspaper organ, it has happened that our present Administration has been exposed to frequent misunderstanding. It has again and again suffered from mistakes of fact as well as misconceptions of intention. Had it not been for Brax-

ton's letter, which, brief as it was, threw a flood of light upon the late affair, the storm of public excitement, under false statements, might have lasted for weeks, and wrought incalculable evil. And yet our escape from all this is due only to the happy impulse of the magnanimous General.

The Government should always see to it that the public is somehow put in possession of the prima data needful to a correct understanding of every important event. Methods can easily be found, if there be the desire. It is an abuse that the telegraph should so frequently be made to keep back intelligence, or send it in a false shape. This has been done almost uniformly after great disasters. It seems to have been the Government's first care, on such occasions, to delude the people; and it is natural that the people should resent it, as an indignity and a wrong, when they come to know the real truth. The loyal people of the country are no children to be easily scared. They can bear ill tidings with a manly heart—bear them with a thousand times more composure than they can these attempts to cheat them, for a few hours, into a false case. This practice of the Government officials is puerile and pitiful. Let it cease. In all its relations, let the Administration show that it respects and trusts the people. On all occasions let it be careful to give the public mind the right means of judging. So only can it escape the misjudgments which have heretofore wrought such great mischief both to itself and the sacred cause it has in charge.

Could the Government and the people come faithfully up to the line of mutual duties we have indicated, the success of the war, sooner or later, would be as certain as any future event can be. If, on the contrary, both Government and people continually recede from it, as has been the recent tendency, nothing short of a miracle can save the Republic.

Goldsboro Captured—Four Battles and Four Victories in One Week.

The victorious feats of Gen. FOSTER, in North Carolina, come to the country as gleams of light and glory in a dark hour. The dispatch which he sends concerning the work he performed in the week extending from Saturday, the 13th, to Saturday, the 20th inst., is brief and soldierly. In four lines he chronicles as many triumphs: "We fought," says he, "four engagements, viz.: at Southwest Creek, Kinston, Whitehall and Goldsboro, and whipped the enemy handsomely each time."

He has captured the important railroad centre at Goldsboro, which was the prime object of his expedition. With the details of the later battles we are as yet unacquainted, but the perfect success which has been the issue of each of them shows that they were well planned and well executed. We suppose that in the meantime Gen. Foster will simply hold Goldsboro, and will not attempt an advance, either toward Wilmington on the one hand, or in the direction of Weldon on the other. He holds the line of the Weldon and Wilmington Railroad, and thus cuts the Richmond rebels off from this great artery of communication with the States of the Southern seaboard. It is very probable, considering the great value of the position, that the rebels will make a desperate effort to drive him back; but as he has destroyed the railroad bridges and torn up several miles of the track, we think that with the aid of the gunboats, he is perfectly secure in his position. When the Government furnishes him reinforcements, he will be ready to take either Wilmington or Petersburg "in the rear."

In the two rebel dispatches we have had concerning Gen. Foster's operations, there has been more than usual mendacity. In the dispatch of the rebel Gen. EVANS, received last Friday, he said that he had fought the Abolitionists ten hours and driven them back to their gunboats. Next day we received the facts of our victory and of the capture of Kinston. Yesterday a rebel dispatch was received concerning the battle near Goldsboro, asserting that the "Abolitionists fled from the field." This morning Gen. Foster announces the capture of Goldsboro, and thereby proves as well as asserts that he had whipped the rebels handsomely each time. The importance of these fine triumphs will be comprehended by a glance at any map of the Southern States.

THE NATION TO ITS ARMY.—The President's Address tendering the thanks of the nation to the officers and soldiers of the Army of the Potomac, for their splendid conduct at Fredericksburg on the 13th, gives a slight expression to the heartfelt praises and gratitude of the country to those gallant men. The Address is timely, and its issue at this moment eminently just. Gen. Burnside testified, in his letter to Gen. HALLECK, that the "extreme gallantry, courage and endurance shown by his officers and soldiers were never exceeded," and with reference to their recrossing the Rappahannock on Monday night, he said, that they marched across the river in face of the enemy as if they were going on parade. It is on these statements that the President bases his address. The same thing has been recorded by every correspondent of the Press and by every spectator of these great events. The history of the world's wars exhibits no army possessed of grander qualities than those displayed by our troops in the six days, from the 11th to the 16th of this month of December, 1862.

We would here specially signalize one point which the Commanding General, the President and the Press, have all mentioned: that is, the skill, the good conduct and the daring of our officers of every grade under Burnside at Fredericksburg. In the early days of the war there was much complaint about inefficient and cowardly officers. This class seems to have been pretty thoroughly weeded from the service. Brigadiers, Colonels and Captains led their men into the thickest of the fight, and amid the hottest fire of the rebel artillery, with a coolness and what might

almost be called a recklessness of death or wounds; and the plow record of killed and maimed officers, while it is a mournful spectacle to the nation, is a glorious and eternal testimony of honor to them. It will be impossible quickly to supply the places of those gallant fellows who thus fell fighting for their country's flag.

It is true, there has been a complaint that Washington hotels were crowded, even while the battle was going on, with the officers of regiments which were then facing the rebel fire. If such be the fact, it is disgrace enough to those concerned. But we are persuaded they formed but a very small fraction of a body which has furnished so honorable a record.

Such officers and such men as fought at Fredericksburg, must give the nation the assurance expressed by the President, that the Army of the Potomac now "possesses all the qualities of a great army, which will yet give victory to the cause of the country and of popular government."

Grant's Army.

The war news continues to come in unfavorably from the Southwest. From the day of Gen. GRANT'S pause at Oxford, Mississippi, the rebel reaction against his movement has been manifest. Gen. Hovey's expedition against Grenada came to naught because it was a cooperating demonstration, only lacking in the vital element that it failed entirely to cooperate. There was no communication between GRANT and Hovey, and the former did not know that the latter had been near Grenada until Hovey returned to Helena and reported the fact via Cairo, Columbus and Holly Springs! Cooperation between commands thus distant and isolated is a remarkable idea. The grand combination between GRANT, Sherman and Hovey that promised so much in the matter of clearing the State of Mississippi of rebel armies and opening up the Mississippi River, having ended so unsatisfactorily, it became a very serious question with some, whether any forward movement of our whole forces had been really intended. But we see no reason to doubt that the general advance was meditated, and that it has been arrested for causes not given to the public. In no other way can we excuse Gen. GRANT for the present position of his army.

He abandoned Jackson, Bolivar, Corinth and Grand Junction—all very valuable strategic points in and for West Tennessee, which were strongly held by his troops, and in which positions he was able to keep his communications easily open with his base at Cairo. He was likewise able to keep the rebel troops pressed down into Mississippi. The citizens of West Tennessee being thus delivered from Confederate authority were rapidly returning to their senses, resuming their ordinary avocations, engaging in trade and taking steps to elect members to the National Congress. Conventions were held, and nearly every county in West Tennessee was well represented by Union delegates. Candidates of sterling loyalty were nominated, and it seemed likely that a formal return to the Union of all that part of the State would soon be witnessed. But as soon as Gen. GRANT moved on to Oxford the rebel hordes began to rush in behind him, and now all that section of Tennessee where loyalty was so lately nurtured into strength is given up to Confederate occupation and pillage, except just around the military posts which are garrisoned. The rebel conscript law will be enforced, hundreds of recruits obtained, the elections broken up, and those loyal citizens that took part in the Union movement subjected to wrong and violence.

But this is not the worst feature of the present situation. The rebel cavalry in very considerable force, estimated from 2,000 to 8,000, have got possession of the railroad north of Jackson, Tenn., and cut off Gen. GRANT from Columbus, Ky., and Cairo. This is the line by which his army has drawn its supplies; by which, indeed, Jackson, Bolivar, Corinth and Grand Junction communicate with the loyal States and with the Government. The position looks critical. Having broken up the railroad immediately north of Jackson, the rebel cavalry continued northward, taking possession of all the stations on the railroad—Carroll, Humboldt, Trenton, Kenton—and at last accounts were moving on Union City, which is the next and nearest important depot to the old rebel stronghold of Columbus. At Trenton large quantities of cotton were burned, and at Kenton two locomotives and a number of cars were destroyed. Trenton is the point where one of the late Union Congressional Conventions was held.

By this movement the rebels have got possession of fully 100 miles of the railroad north of GRANT'S army, and as the line of the road lies mostly in a level, swampy country, intersected by frequent bayous and by the Forked Deer and Obion rivers, it seems that the rebels, if they choose, can, by the destruction of bridges, trestle-work and rails, destroy GRANT'S communications utterly for the winter, and compel him to a change of base to Memphis. But this will require several weeks of industrious work repairing the Memphis and Charleston Railroad between Memphis and Grand Junction. And how is the army and the garrisons now cut off from their northern base, to be supplied while the new base is being established?

We have called attention before to the unreasonable and dangerous experiment of trying to penetrate the State of Mississippi with a large army from the North, with the hope of supplies at Cairo instead of at Memphis. Gen. GRANT has been drawing every pound of his subsistence over 250 miles of a railroad, beginning at Columbus on the Mississippi, and ending at it in a single train, and the bulk of his army was within 50 miles of Memphis and south of it with a railroad connecting them, which he had to maintain and repair. He has not been able to do this, and he has not been able to prepare to do it. The advance is now being made in the rear, and the will be made in the rear of the rail-

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but time and his campaign by the blunder of his base.

Why has this long and unsafe railroad line been relied on? We venture the assertion that cotton-speculating influences have controlled the policy and kept the road open. The profit of individuals and not the prosperity of the campaign has ordered it.

THE BATTLE OF FREDERICKSBURG.—The testimony of Gen. Burnside, Gen. Halleck and the other chief officers of the army, concerning the responsibility for the battle of Fredericksburg, which has been elicited by the Congressional Committee, and which we give this morning, will finally settle a question which has greatly agitated the nation for a week past. Gen. Burnside has already assumed the sole responsibility for the attack, but it will be seen that there were circumstances bearing upon the battle which leave a heavy weight of blame on other shoulders than his. The whole of the long report will be perused with intense interest by the entire public.

VICTORY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

A Model Dispatch from Gen. Foster.

HIS EXPEDITION A PERFECT SUCCESS.

The Rebels Whipped at Southwest Creek, Kinston, White Hall and Goldsboro.

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Several Miles of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Torn Up.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 23. The following has been received at headquarters here:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA, Dec. 20, 1862.

Major-Gen. Halleck, General-in-Chief, Washington: My expedition was a perfect success.

I burned the railroad bridge at Goldsboro and Mount Olive, and tore up several miles of the track of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad.

We fought four engagements, viz.: at Southwest Creek, Kinston, White Hall and Goldsboro, and whipped the enemy handsomely each time.

J. G. FOSTER, Brigadier-General Commanding.

A SUPPLEMENTARY DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 22.

A supplementary dispatch from Gen. Foster has been received by the Government to-day, in regard to the capture of Goldsboro, in which he states that the rebels are reported to be advancing upon him in heavy force, estimated at 25,000, for the purpose of driving him from his position. He is confident of his ability successfully to resist until reinforcements can reach him.

LATEST REPORTS FROM NEWBERN.

NEWBERN, N. C., Wednesday, Dec. 17.

In the engagement at Kinston, on the 14th, Company K, Third New-York Cavalry, Capt. COUS, which was in the advance, charged over four deep ditches, eight feet wide, and captured seven pieces of rebel artillery, bringing them off in triumph.

Gen. Foster's forces were to reach Goldsboro to-day, and, as cannonading has been distinctly heard here, the probability is that the battle has been fought, and that important point is in our possession. The army will immediately move from there to another important point.

The case of Rev. Mr. MALLER, Chaplain of the Twenty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment, who was court-martialed for preferring serious charges, through a Boston paper, against Gov. BRANT, has been brought before the court. There are two candidates for Congress from this District, one on the platform of Free-soil, and the other in opposition to the Confederation and Emancipation acts. The latter receives the active support and aid of Gov. STANTON, and will doubtless be elected.

NEWS FROM REBEL SOURCES.

The following dispatches are published in the Richmond papers of the 20th:

A reconnaissance last night by a squadron of the Third North Carolina Cavalry, under Capt. CASWELL, found the enemy encamped about two miles lower Whitehall. The citizens present, whom we secured and out of food and ammunition. A rumor on the streets this morning says reinforcements have passed Kinston on the south side of the Neuse, to succor their retreating friends.

As the smoke of battle clears away, it reveals a considerable slaughter among the Yankees. One hundred of their dead were left unburied on the field, and a pile of one hundred yards long, filled with dead, has been found. Only three companies of the Fifty-ninth and Eleventh North Carolina were engaged. Capt. FARRAR, of the Fifty-ninth, with fifteen men of the Fourteenth, fought the enemy for several hours, ultimately drove them from their guns into the field. The Twenty-first North Carolina, Col. JORDAN, was on the field, but with the exception of one company, seems to have taken no part in the action.

Col. FARMONT, Chief Engineer of the Wilmington Railroad, has just returned from Wilmington. He reports that the entire track to the Neuse on a hand-car, and says he can repair all damages on the road in two days, and the bridge over the Neuse in six or eight days.

The Raleigh State Journal, of the 18th, says: "Nine regiments and two batteries of artillery arrived on Tuesday, and several brigades are on the way. Prudence will not allow us to spend money when they were drawn, but the concentration was made, and by this time a force is in and around Goldsboro sufficient to battle, if not capture, the invaders."

The Examiner on Wednesday evening was about 1,400, with reinforcements hourly arriving and expected.

A correspondent of the Progress says: "Intelligence has reached Goldsboro that Burnside's column has nearly joined Foster's, making some tens of thousands of men." Gen. Grant is reported as a man of success, and it is reported that Gen. Lee has taken a position at a point where he can command the Potomac and the Rappahannock. It is also reported that Gen. Grant has been ordered to move on to Memphis, and that he will be there in a few days.

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THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

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view, driving away the enemy here—perhaps 400 or 500 men—and they would have been obliged to retreat, and that crossing would have been permanent and successful.

Q.—Do you know who was the responsibility of the delay in the arrival of the pontons?

A.—I do not.

Q.—What is your opinion as to the number of your killed, wounded and missing?

A.—I think it would amount to about 10,000 altogether.

Q.—Have you any knowledge of the loss of the enemy?

A.—I have not, except what I saw incidentally in the Richmond papers.

Q.—Do you understand you to say that you concurred in the movement to cross the river?

A.—It was my opinion that we could cross at any of the points indicated.

Q.—Will you state whether or not it is your opinion that if the army had been delayed until the time the pontons arrived, the army could then have come here, and with these pontons have made a crossing here, and occupied the heights, and the enemy could have reached here in sufficient force to have prevented it?

A.—Yes, sir; that is my opinion.

Q.—Then it is your opinion that if it had been ascertained that the pontons could not possibly be here at the time the army was expected to be here, they should have been notified of the time when they could be here, so that they might make the movements of their army correspond with the time when the pontons could be here.

A.—That is a question.

Q.—What is the condition of the army now as to its efficiency? Is its efficiency impaired by the delay?

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be completed by day, if he has not the humanity and moral principle to see that the horse has every care in his power to give, that he is properly groomed, watered and fed.

The manner in which food is given, where only a sufficient amount is allowed, is highly important, as much is wasted and trampled under foot.

I believe that for cavalry service on a winter campaign a saddle-blanket to cover the back and limbs of the horse, to be left on when the saddle is removed, would be of great service. The Arabs, who live more with the horse than any other people, and who are almost horsemen, have a blanket of any kind on the horse, never remove the saddle from the horse's back when on a long journey. Their saddles have always blankets attached that cover the back and limbs of the horse. They argue that this vital part, when heated by riding, should never be made to feel the effects of cold.

As one who loves the horse, who appreciates his intelligence and keen sensibilities, and can anticipate his wants, I do most deeply deplore the neglect of such a trifling matter, and the consequent suffering and death of the horse, but while war rages, this law must continue.

In an army of 50,000 horses, subjected to the service and exposure of the army, there must necessarily be a large percentage of disabled and diseased horses constantly accumulating. This, as well as the suffering and death of the horse, is a great loss to the army, and whose first law of nature is self-preservation, and for the comfort and welfare of the horse, the government should take the people and the officers of the army are aware.

How can it be otherwise with the horse? He is not invulnerable to exposure, which he can scarcely bear as well as man, and with whom he must suffer alike, if not more, in time of war.

I am happy to see the extensive hospitals lately opened for the care of the horse, and the efforts to relieve them are conducted on the best and most economical principle, and will, I have no doubt, be the means of restoring thousands of horses to the army, that will be better on their second service than they were on their first.

It is to be hoped that the government will, as an act of humanity, as well as economy, make every effort to give power for the protection of this noble animal, I remain, General, very truly, your obedient servant.

JOHN S. RAREY, To Maj.-Gen. HALLOCK, Commander-in-Chief, United States Army, Washington, D. C.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 23.

SECRETARY CHASE'S FINANCE.

Secretary Chase has completed his financial bill, prepared on the invitation of the Committee of Ways and Means, and will send it to the committee at once. All the statements lately emanating from Washington in regard to its provisions are materially defective and erroneous.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

It seems to be certain that the President has made up his mind to the appointment of Judge USKAR as Secretary of the Interior, and only delays sending his name to the Senate for the acceptance by Secretary SETHS of the Judgeship, to which he has been appointed. A new movement, however, is on foot, with a view to the appointment of Speaker GACAS as Secretary of the Interior, and the election of Hon. SCHULTER CULFAX Speaker of the House. This arrangement, it is thought, will satisfy the Senate and prevent a disruption of the Cabinet.

ILLNESS OF GEN. KING.

Gen. RUPES KING, while sitting in his carriage in front of the National Hotel, suffered a slight attack of epilepsy. Medical attendance was immediately procured, and he is now nearly recovered.

GEN. HOOKER'S PLAN.

The plan of Gen. HOOKER for attacking the rebels at Fredericksburg, was to cross the Rappahannock river or twelve miles above Falmouth, at the first arrival, and fall upon their rear.

COLORADO SOLDIERS.

Mr. LANE, of Kansas, gave notice to-day of his intended introduction into the Senate of a bill authorizing the President to raise and equip two hundred regiments of infantry, composed of persons of African descent, to be used in the suppression of the rebellion.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD AND TELEGRAPH.

The Senate to-day authorized the appointment of a Select Committee of seven, to whom shall be referred the subject of a railroad and telegraph line to the Pacific. The bill passed last session has been found to be impracticable, and will require important amendments, which this Committee is expected to suggest.

SENT IN FOR CONFIRMATION.

The name of Ex-Gov. RANDALL, nominated for First Assistant Adjutant General, was to-day sent to the Senate for confirmation.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The President has not yet signed the bill for the admission of West Virginia as a State, as by some blunder it only reached him officially yesterday. The President is silent in regard to his intention.

THE FREDERICKSBURG AFFAIR MORE HOPEFUL.

A fuller examination of all the circumstances surrounding the recent battle of Fredericksburg, shows it to be less disastrous than was at first believed. The losses are less than supposed, with a smaller proportion of killed and badly wounded. The army, though little, if at all, demoralized, and is ready and anxious again to be led against the enemy.

As regards Gen. BRANNING, it now appears that his plans were good, and his failure owing to the failure of activity and zeal give him a claim to renewed confidence; and his dash at the enemy's works, though unsuccessful, is full of promise for the future. It is better that a thousand men should die in such an effort, than that two thousand should perish ingloriously in malapropos campaigns.

PROPOSED REFORMS IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

A bill will shortly be introduced in Congress to promote the comfort of the soldiers in hospital. It is proposed to increase the value of the ration from eighteen to thirty cents. The consummation of this ration will render it possible to procure many necessary delicacies not allowable under the present system. The same bill will also increase the numerical strength of the Medical Corps.

The Medical Inspectors are visiting the various hospitals, and discharging such of the inmates as are unfit for further duty. Heretofore the red-tape system has detained for a long time many who were entitled to their discharge.

THE COURT OF CLAIMS.

The Senate Judiciary Committee through the Chairman, Mr. TUCKERMAN, has reported back the House bill to reorganize the Court of Claims, amended in many particulars. Two additional judges are added, and it authorizes the President to appoint a Chief Justice for said Court. If the bill becomes a law, their decisions are not final, for one of their amendments is to the effect that either party may appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States from any final judgment by said Court, wherein the amount in controversy exceeds three thousand dollars. The other amendments are not important.

CIVIL WAR AMONG THE CHEROKEES.

Late information from the Indian Territory is to the effect that a fierce and sanguinary warfare is going on between the Cherokee and the disloyal Cherokees. The loyal Indians, although greatly in the minority, nevertheless make up in pluck and spirit what they lack in numbers.

THE GULF STAFF.

During the recent Cabinet earthquake, the President while canvassing Ohio for a new Secretary, is reported to have expressed a preference for Hon. THOMAS EWING over all other candidates.

WHO PROPOSED THE OUBOATS?

It is now stated on good authority, that the Milwaukee

steamer, which was the originator of which Gov. FARMER has enjoyed the credit, was first suggested and urged by Attorney Gen. BATES.

COE, MONTGOMERY.

Col. JAMES MONTGOMERY, of the Kansas Third Infantry, and well known as a prominent Free State leader during the Border Ruffian war upon that State, is here upon business of importance. We understand that Col. MONTGOMERY will be pressed by his friends, and by Kansas men, for promotion. That his qualities have been so long overlooked, is due more to his own modesty than any other cause. With his record, and the strong influences operating in his favor, it is scarcely possible that the President can hesitate giving him the star he is so well fitted to wear.

THE GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY.

Gov. ROBINSON of Kentucky, and his Adjutant Gen. FINNELL, have been here for some days upon important business with the Government.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 23.

M'DOWELL COURT OF INQUIRY.

In the M'DOWELL Court of Inquiry, to-day, Gen. STUART was cross-examined. This examination had reference more particularly to the causes of prejudice which he might be supposed to have against Gen. McDowell, in connection with the remark that Gen. McDowell had made to one of his (Stuart's) Staff. Witness acknowledged this remark to be his chief reason of complaint, but there were others, "it being a personal dispute," which he did not wish to mention. One was, that having sent an Aide-Camp to General McDowell during the march from Gainesville to Manassas, to make a report, and inquire the cause of a firing heard on their left, the officer was grossly insulted by him in the presence of his (McDowell's) Staff; but the (Stuart) did not so much regard this as an affront to himself as to a member of his Staff. Gen. STUART next recounted, in the order of date, the movements wherein he thought Gen. McDowell had been tardy in cooperation; for instance, when Jackson was allowed to overcome Smith, escape FARMER, and to rejoin the main army of the rebels contending against Gen. McCLELLAN near Richmond. He also accused McDowell of leaving Gen. BATES at the battle of Cedar Mountain with only 9,000 men to withstand about 25,000 of the enemy, even after both he (McDowell) and FORTZ had been warned of their approach.

The Court then adjourned.

The Porter Court-martial did not meet to-day.

TELEGRAPH TO MOSCOW.

The Secretary of State has communicated to Congress unpublished correspondence between the State Department and the Minister to Russia, relative to the telegraphic line from Moscow, eastward to the Amoor River and the Asiatic coast and thence by the joint effort of Russia and the United States, to San Francisco. Portions of the line in the Russian Empire, have already been completed. Mr. BAYARD TAYLOR writes that our agent, Mr. COLLINS, is awaiting the answer of the Emperor to the proposition to extend the line eastward to the Amoor River.

THE EXPRESS COMPANIES.

The principal Express Companies of the country have united in presenting to Congress legislative proposals under the tax bill, amounting to from 7 to 13 per cent. of gross receipts, praying that the tax may be made 1 per cent.

THE MIAMI INDIANS.

It is ascertained that \$36,000 of the annuity of the Miami Indians for 1854 and 1855 was carried to the surplus fund, and has not been paid.

CONSUL AT HAN KOV.

Wm. BRACK, of Massachusetts, has been nominated to the Senate as Consul at Han Kov, China; and ALEXANDER W. RANDALL, of Wisconsin, as First Assistant Postmaster-General, in place of KASSON, resigned.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 23.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting his annual financial report; also a communication in regard to the amounts due to the Chippewa, Ottawa and Pottowattamie Indians; also a message from the President, transmitting the report of Hon. REVEREND JONSON, United States Commissioner at New Orleans.

The concurrent resolution of the House, that the House adjourn on Tuesday, the 23d Inst., to the first Monday in January, was then taken up.

Mr. STANLEY, of Ohio, (Rep.), moved to amend so as to make a joint resolution, adjourning both Houses until the first Monday in January.

The amendment was adopted, and the resolution as amended was agreed to by the following vote: Yea—Messrs. Anthony, Arnold, Bayard, Browning, Chandler, Cowan, Davis, Field, Ford, Harding, Harris, Howard, Kennedy, King, Lane, (Indiana), Lane, (Kansas), McCall, McMillen, Morrill, Powell, Sawyer, Sherman, Sumner, Ten Eyck, Wilkinson, Wilson, (Missouri).

NAYS—Messrs. Clark, Collier, Fremont, Foster, Grimes, Hale, Harlan, Howe, Latham, Trumbull, Wiley, Wilson, (Ohio).

Mr. HOWARD, of Michigan, (Rep.), introduced a bill to amend the judicial system of the United States. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McDOWELL, of California, (Dem.), introduced a bill to amend the act to aid in constructing railroads and telegraph lines to the Pacific Ocean.

Mr. HALE, of New Hampshire, (Rep.), offered a resolution that the Committee on Commerce and Navigation be authorized to inquire into the employment of transients generally by Quartermasters and agents of the War Department, the rates at which they were engaged, by whom, and for how long—Adopted.

Mr. LANE, of Kansas, (Rep.), gave notice of a bill to authorize the President to raise two hundred regiments of infantry composed of persons of African descent.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Rep.), from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill for the relief of the Norwegian bank Admiral P. TORSEN-SKJOLD.

Mr. SARGENT's resolution, inquiring whether any troops had been sent into the State of Delaware at the late election, was taken up and discussed until the expiration of the morning hour, when the Bankrupt bill was taken up.

Mr. DODD, of Wisconsin, (Rep.), offered an amendment, exempting homesteads when exempt by State law, from the provisions of the bill.

Mr. TUCKERMAN, of Illinois, (Rep.), offered an amendment to strike out the words "exempting banking and railroad corporations from the provisions of the bill for compulsory bankruptcy." He said the laboring people of Illinois lost five million dollars in less than five years by these banking corporations. In no way have the people lost more or been cheated worse.

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Mr. COLMAN, of Indiana, (Rep.), from the Committee on the Post-office, made an adverse report on the resolution to inquire into the expediency of giving the franking privilege to Assessors under the Internal Revenue law.

Mr. BLAKE, of Ohio, (Rep.), from the same Committee, reported a bill authorizing the Postmaster-General to establish a postal money order system. It proposes to charge five cents on ten dollars; on more than ten, or less than twenty, cents; on all additional sums of ten or less dollars, five cents. The bill provides to be issued when orders are not.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, (Rep.), offered a resolution enjoining the letter written by the Superintendent of the Census, Mr. KENNEDY, to Jacob H. HARRIS, in April, 1861, and published in the fourth edition of the Census, to be removed from the files of the Census Bureau, and that the Committee have power to send for persons and papers.

THE PENINSULAR CAMPAIGN.

The Prince de Joinville's History of Gen. McClellan's Campaign.

In a former notice of the Prince de Joinville's historical sketch of the campaign of the Army of the Potomac—[See *New-York Times* Nov. 29]—we followed his narrative to the date of Gen. McClellan's embarkation for the Peninsula, on the 9th of March, 1862, in pursuance of the plan he had formed in October of the previous year, but which he had pondered in "secrecy and silence" during the whole of the intervening winter. According to the Prince's statement, this plan was to avail himself of the water approaches and to throw his whole army suddenly upon the rebel capital. The enemy evacuated Manassas in his front on receiving through seachery, (as the Prince believes, though without any just ground so far as we can see,) information of this scheme. McClellan spent a week in a sham pursuit of the retreating force—going no further, however, than to the most advanced position they had occupied—and then devoted himself to the embarkation of his army,—for which, however, very inadequate preparations had been made.

On the 8th of March, the very day of the evacuation of Manassas, the *Merrimac* came out from Norfolk, disabled our fleet at Hampton Roads, and in spite of the *Monitor*, completely blockaded the James River, and, according to the Prince's assertion, also "kept paralyzed in Hampton Roads the naval forces assembled to join the land army," which was landing at Fortress Monroe, in the attack upon Yorktown. "If this is true,"—if the *Merrimac*, by the terror she inspired, did actually prevent the movement of our gunboats up the York River, as well as blockade the James, Commodore Goldsborough, who commanded our squadron in Hampton Roads, ought to have been instantly superseded, and put upon his trial for cowardice or ineptitude, or both. There is abundant reason for believing that, if proper energy had presided over our naval operations at that moment, the *Merrimac* could have been sunk and the James River opened to our gunboats and to McClellan's army. The Prince de Joinville does not hesitate to say "I am perfectly satisfied that if the *Merrimac* had ventured into the deep water, beyond the shoals which obstruct the entrance to the James and Elizabeth, where her adversaries could get way upon them, she would have gone down in a few moments;" and the *Monitor* could easily have forced her into such a position. But "paralysis" presided over the squadron in Hampton Roads; neither the James nor the York River was open to us, and Gen. McClellan landed his army at Fortress Monroe, and marching by land up the Peninsula, was arrested by the cannon on the works at Yorktown. A few gunboats, going up the York River, had found it guarded by some forty pieces of heavy calibre. The naval officers "concluded that they could not pass this battery—the investment of the place by water must consequently be abandoned." No adequate attempt was made to test this point; the rebel fire from this water battery was partially drawn but once: in point of fact, as it proved afterward, not a dozen guns were mounted upon it—the "conclusion" of the naval officers,—based upon nothing but conjecture, was accepted as final, and the cooperation of our gunboats was abandoned. If Com. FARAGUT, who thought the two formidable forts below New-Orleans could be passed, had been at Yorktown, we should have had a different "conclusion."

But Gen. McClellan marched up by land. He came upon a series of works stretching across the Peninsula at the edge of a marshy stream called Warwick Creek, which was found impassable by infantry. "Throughout the seven miles of the Confederate lines," says the Prince, "we encountered the same attitude of alert defence. Everywhere cannon and camps. Of course the inference was that we were arrested by forces apparently formidable, and before a position not easily to be carried." How formidable the rebel forces were, Gen. McClellan did not know. The Prince notes, as a singular feature of the war, the "complete absence of all information in regard to the country and the position of the enemy—the total ignorance under which they labored in regard to his movements and the number of his troops." The usual mode of obtaining such information is by reconnaissances in force,—by pushing forward bodies strong enough to penetrate the enemy's lines and ascertain his strength, and then, if necessary, to withdraw. But for some reason or other this method does not seem to have been resorted to in a single instance. Gen. McClellan relied on other means of accomplishing the desired result.

The Prince says that Gen. McClellan had foreseen the difficulty of taking Yorktown, and had provided for it. He thus sets forth the plan and the reason of its failure:

"In order to gain time, and avoid the tedium of a siege, Gen. McClellan had thought out the means of turning the position. The enemy held the James, with the *Merrimac* and his gunboats; the York was closed by the Yorktown and Gloucester Point batteries. Nevertheless, by a disembarkation on the Severn, beyond Gloucester, we might carry the latter position and open the way of the Federal gunboats into the river York. A subsequent movement up the left bank, in the direction of West Point, would put us so far in the rear of the army charged with the defence of the lines of Yorktown, that it would have been in a most perilous position. This accomplished, the Confederates must have abandoned Gloucester, and fallen back upon Richmond. The execution of this coup de main had been left to a corps of the army commanded by Gen. McDowell. This corps was to be the last to embark at Washington, and it was calculated that it ought to reach Yorktown (the rear of Gloucester?) in a body on its transports at the moment when the rest of the army, moving by land, should appear before that post from Fortress Monroe. Instead of finding it, we received the inexplicable and as yet unexplained intelligence that this corps, 35,000 strong, had been sent to another destination. The news was received in the army with stupefaction, although the majority could not foresee the deplorable consequences of a step taken, it must be supposed, with no evil intention, but certainly with inconceivable recklessness. Fifteen days before, this measure, although it must always have been in-

jurious, would have been much less so. We might have made arrangements upon a new basis. Taken when it was, it created a whole system of machinery fairly at work. Among the divisions of McDowell's corps, there was one, that of FRANKLIN, which was more regretted than all the others, as well on account of the troops themselves, as of their commanders. The General-in-Chief had bestowed special pains on its organization during the winter, and earnestly demanded its restoration. It was sent back to him without a word of explanation, precisely as it had been detached from him. This fine division, 11,000 strong, arrived, and for a moment the General thought of intrusting to it alone the Gloucester expedition. But this intention was renounced."

Why this intention was renounced the Prince does not inform us. Gen. FRANKLIN's Division was unquestionably strong enough to have taken Gloucester, which was never held by over 5,000 of the rebels, and which could not have been reinforced without weakening Yorktown. And its movement toward West Point would have had precisely the effect which was expected from the similar movement assigned to McDowell. The enemy would have been menaced by a strong force in his rear,—a force exposed to no danger, as it was protected by the York River, which the rebels had no means of crossing, and by our gunboats which could at once have pushed forward to its aid. The plan of Gen. McClellan does not seem to have contemplated any severe fighting for McDowell's Corps. The purpose of his movement upon the rear of the enemy was to force him to "fall back hastily upon Richmond." And we see no reason why Gen. FRANKLIN's Division would not have been sufficient for this, or why, if necessary, it could not have been very considerably strengthened by detachments from the very large force of Gen. McClellan himself.

Gen. McClellan's partisans have hitherto thought him completely relieved from all responsibility for the failure to capture Yorktown, by the fact that McDowell's Corps was not sent to his aid as he had expected it would be. Whether the Government acted wisely or not in withholding this corps, is a question we need not now discuss. Its solution turns upon a question of fact, concerning which the evidence is not yet complete. Gen. McClellan has testified recently that when he embarked for the Peninsula he left Washington protected by 75,000 men: while on the other hand it is asserted that there were not more than 25,000 available for that purpose. The Government, whether rightly or not, deemed the Capital unsafe, and withheld 24,000 of McDowell's troops for the purpose of covering it. The remainder, under FRANKLIN, were sent to the Peninsula; and Gen. McClellan, according to the Prince de Joinville, at first thought of intrusting to them the turning of Gloucester, and the advance up the York as a menace to the rear of the enemy, which was holding Yorktown. We wish the Prince had favored us with the reasons which induced Gen. McClellan to renounce this excellent intention, almost as soon as it was formed.

No wise General who has any confidence in his own resources will ever consider himself restricted to a single method of accomplishing a desired result. When one plan fails he seeks another. When the Government withheld McDowell, it was Gen. McClellan's duty to devise some scheme for taking Yorktown without him. He did so. His first plan was to commit the turning of Gloucester to FRANKLIN: but this was "renounced." His next is thus described by the Prince de Joinville:

"Then came the reflection, that somewhere in these seven miles of Confederate intrenchments, there must be a weak spot. Could this spot be found and forced, the usual result in such cases would probably come to pass. The enemy at either extremity would suppose themselves to have been turned, and would become demoralized. If we then continued to pour a constantly increasing force of our troops through the opening thus made, we would probably inflict upon the army thus cut in two one of those disasters which settle the fate of a campaign. This weak point, it was supposed, had been found near the centre of the lines of Warwick Creek, at a place called Lee's Mill. The bottom here was firm, the water waist deep. In front of the hostile works was a kind of open plateau upon which a strong artillery force might be brought up to shatter them. On the 16th of April, an attempt was made to pass this point. Eighteen field-pieces opened fire at five hundred yards, on the Confederate batteries, and silenced them, and the creek was then passed by some Vermont companies."

They advanced gallantly, carried a rifle-pit, but their ammunition had been wetted in passing the stream; they were not supported, and retired after losing many of their number. The project thus began, was no doubt, found to present unforeseen difficulties, and it was at once abandoned.

This operation, like that against Gloucester, not being feasible, we were forced to undertake the siege of the uninvested fortifications of Yorktown."

We regard this as a very important passage in the history of this campaign. It assigns a motive for a movement which attracted general attention at the time it was made, the meaning of which, however, we have never before seen disclosed. Instead of being a mere skirmish intended, as was supposed at the time, to silence a troublesome battery, the attack at Lee's Mill was really the initial step of a general assault upon the rebel lines. The design attributed to Gen. McClellan by the Prince de Joinville seems to have been a good one, and up to a certain point it seems to have been well executed. He sought for a weak spot in a line of entrenchments seven miles long, and found it. His intention was to force it,—to pour rapidly heavy bodies of troops through the gap,—turn each wing of the enemy, and thus "inflict upon him one of those disasters which settle the fate of a campaign." The calculation was just, and everything seemed favorable to the execution of the plan. Lee's Mill was the "weak spot" selected for the trial. Eighteen field-pieces "silenced" the opposing batteries, and "some Vermont companies" were pushed across the creek, carried a rifle-pit, and thus prepared the way, with complete success, for the grand movement of a solid force through the opening which had just been made. But that grand movement was not even attempted! The Vermont companies, says the Prince, "were not supported and retired." "The project was, no doubt, found to present unforeseen difficulties, and it was at once abandoned." What were these difficulties? What reason has the Prince

for supposing that any such difficulties existed? Everything had succeeded as completely as Gen. McClellan himself could wish. So far as appears, the project was proved to be perfectly feasible; and if Gen. McClellan had poured a "constantly increasing force of our troops through the opening thus made," as he originally intended to do, it seems to have been reasonably certain that he would have completely turned their flank, and been able to assail them with overwhelming success in rear of their intrenchments. Why was this not done? Why did Gen. McClellan so suddenly abandon a plan which he had himself conceived, which contained all the elements of success, and which he had begun to put into successful execution?

We know not where to seek an answer to this question. No official reports exist, none certainly have reached the public, which throw any light upon it. The Prince de Joinville, who received, perhaps, more of Gen. McClellan's confidential explanations than any other man, is forced to assume that reasons existed, of which he seems, however, to have been utterly ignorant. Are we to seek these reasons in a peculiarity of Gen. McClellan's character—in the fact that, while he displays great ability in planning a campaign, and in aiming blows at the enemy, when the moment for putting his designs into execution arrives, a feeling of self-distrust—a fear of failure—a shrinking from the responsibility of possible disaster, arrests his uplifted hand, and makes all his plans abortive?

Two well-devised plans for taking Yorktown were thus abandoned—without even an earnest and resolute attempt to execute them. All that remained was a siege, and to that Gen. McClellan next addressed himself. The Prince does full justice to the energy, the skill, the persevering patience with which our troops prosecuted this protracted labor, though he seems to us very considerably to overstate the opposition which they encountered from the enemy. When he says that "the defenders kept up on all that they saw or suspected, a tremendous fire,"—that "the shells from the rifled guns flew in all directions,"—and that "the accuracy of their fire forced us to abandon all the signal posts we had established in the tops of the tallest trees," his statements lack the corroboration of others, who had equal facilities for observation. Indeed, it was noted as one of the most curious features of the siege, that the besiegers suffered no little interruption in their work at the hands of the enemy; and there were not wanting those who based upon that circumstance the belief that the enemy did not intend to make any formidable resistance at Yorktown. Thus the Editor of the *Times* wrote from the camp on Wednesday—four days before the evacuation:

"Why the rebels permit our works thus to be carried on under their noses, with scarcely an attempt at interruption, excites a good deal of comment and speculation. It certainly is something very unusual. While the Allies were carrying their approaches toward Sebastopol, sorties in great force took place nightly, and were often attended with very heavy loss. Indeed, usually in a siege, the heaviest of the fighting takes place in the trenches; when they are completed, the work is nearly done. Many infer from the quiet of the rebels that they do not mean really to contest the place, but that as soon as the assault commences, they will withdraw. I confess I cannot help thinking so myself."

Gen. McClellan, upon whom this view of the case was more than once warmly pressed, thought differently. He did not believe there was any position between them and Richmond where the rebels could make so good a defence as at Yorktown; and he, therefore, believed, in spite of all appearances to the contrary, that they would defend it to the last. But he was also perfectly confident of his ability to take it. He had determined not to open fire at all until all his batteries were ready, believing that a very few hours would then suffice to silence the enemy's guns. He had opened a splendid series of trenches, under cover of which he would throw his troops selected for the assault into the enemy's works, and had everything ready to follow up the victory which he did not doubt awaited him. The Prince says:

"Everything was ready for the decisive blow. Not only was a terrible bombardment to be directed against the city; not only were the choicest troops selected for the grand assault which was to follow the bombardment, but the steam transports waited only for the signal to pass up into the York River as soon as the place should fall, and land the forces of FRANKLIN high up on the line of the Confederate retreat. A part of the forces were actually kept on board of the transports. In a few hours they would have passed over the distance which it would have taken the enemy two days to traverse. Driven by storm from Yorktown, followed up step by step, intercepted on their road by fresh troops, the army of the South would have been in a very critical position, and the Federals would have found what they so greatly needed, a brilliant military success."

Thus affairs stood on Saturday, the 3d of May. The opening of the ball was fixed for Monday morning. But on Sunday morning at daybreak it was discovered by our advanced sharpshooters that the rebels had evacuated Yorktown. There was no longer any sign of an enemy there. Gen. McClellan telegraphed to Washington that Yorktown was in his possession—that he had thrown all his cavalry and horse-artillery in pursuit of the rebels—that he should on that day (Sunday) send FRANKLIN and the gunboats to West Point, and that he should "push the enemy to the wall." Part of the army was pushed forward on that day; STONEMAN, with his cavalry and four batteries of artillery taking the lead. But "FRANKLIN and the gunboats" did not start for West Point until the succeeding Tuesday—after the battle of Williamsburgh, and when it was entirely too late to arrest the retreating foe. On emerging from the woods into the large open plain this side of Williamsburgh, STONEMAN came upon the rear guard of the rebels, with whom he sustained a brief and unsuccessful engagement. Next day a portion of our troops renewed the attack, and HEINTZMAN, HOOKER and KEARNY maintained a bloody and most unequal fight for five hours, without orders or any general supervision, in the midst of the most terrible confusion of wagon trains, and marching over narrow roads leading through dense woods, and over which it was almost impossible to force an empty wagon drawn by six mules.

At 5 o'clock Gen. McClellan came upon the field, having, says the Prince, "been detained at Yorktown." This is an error. Gen. McClellan had remained at his headquarters, two miles in the rear of Yorktown, until half-past 2,—when he was summoned to the field twelve miles off, by an urgent appeal brought by Gov. SIMMONS. He rode with his Staff, through the rain, not even stopping at Yorktown, to the scene of the engagement, and arrived just in time to see the charge of Gen. HANCOCK upon a Georgia brigade, at the extreme right of the field, where the battle had been raging since noon. The Prince says that "the success of HANCOCK had been decisive, and the reserves brought up by the General-in-Chief charging upon the field settled the affair." The General-in-Chief brought up no reserves but his Staff—the real brunt of the battle had been borne by HOOKER and KEARNY, long before he reached the ground,—and he contributed absolutely nothing to the success of the day.

What we have further to say of this campaign we must reserve for another occasion.

THE WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST.

The Destruction of the Gunboat Cairo by a Torpedo in the Yazoo River—How the Machine was Arranged—A Large Number of Torpedoes Removed—The Way Cleared for Gen. Sherman's Expedition.

From Our Special Correspondent.

CAIRO, Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1862.

The most exciting event in this Department that has occurred lately, is the blowing up of the armored gunboat Cairo by a torpedo, in the Yazoo River. The occurrence has not only settled the Cairo, but also the fact that torpedoes will explode—a fact which for some time has been very generally doubted.

Rebeldom has spent much money, or rather scrip, in getting up ingenious infernal machines, wherewith to stay the progress of their most formidable opponents—the gunboats. They were placed in shoals all along the Cumberland; they dotted the bosom of the romantic Tennessee; the Mississippi at Columbus, Number Ten, Vicksburg and New-Orleans was so filled with them that navigation, even for fishes, was almost impossible; and yet, in spite of this, the gunboats of the Yankees passed among and over them with perfect impunity. Ingenious affairs were they, and costly, too—great iron things, as big as an Irishman's shanty, arranged with lines, locks and triggers, very formidable in theory, and only in practice lacking the one important quality of explosion. Snapping locks did no good—you might build a fire around one till its rivets were red-hot, and even then it would refuse to perform its intended duty; they never would go off unless carried, and thus it resulted that this magnificent system of defence adopted by the young Confederacy, proved a failure.

It could not, however, be expected that a people whose *forte* is chivalry, and whose contempt for greasy mechanics is so well known, should excel in the construction of either steam engines or torpedoes. Your true Southerner can chew tobacco, drink unlimited quantities of whiskey, play a tolerable game of poker, brag much on his sunny South, chivalry and hot blood, curse Yankees, handle a bowie knife, and shoot a "Fed" from out of the "bush," but he can't descend to the vulgar level of a good torpedo-builder. A renegade Yankee in Memphis planned the iron-ram Arkansas, and renegade Yankee mechanics taking the plan, wrought out, away up the tortuous Yazoo River, that impregnable monster, which astonished the world and Commodore DAVIS by running through the Federal fleet at Vicksburg.

Later, the same mind turned its attention to torpedoes, with a result that does honor to its genius. A man named IRVING—originally a native of the State in whose metropolis revolves the Hub of the Universe—devised a plan which resulted in blowing through the bottom of the Cairo a hole so large that you might drive through it with a team of elephants.

Taking a common twelve-gallon demijohn he filled it with powder and set it upon the end of a log of wood some three feet in length. To the lower end of this log was fastened an iron staple, in which was tied the end of a piece of strong rope. An anchor attached to this rope held the log under water, while the other end of the rope, after being passed through the eye of the anchor, was fastened to a stump ashore. In the neck of the demijohn was placed some fulminating powder, the end of a wire well roughened was inserted in this, the whole well-waxed to keep it water-tight, and then the balance of this wire was extended just below the surface of the river and fastened to something on the bank.

There was a torpedo, about fifty cents, and which was as certain to explode if the wire were strained ever so little, as effect is to follow cause. Its cheapness recommended it, and in consequence the invention of Mr. IRVING was placed at once in the Yazoo river. So much for preliminaries.

Early last week the ram *Metamora*, Capt. GERRY, and the iron-clad *Cairo*, Capt. SELFING, were ordered to proceed up the Yazoo River, with a view to inspecting affairs prior to the movement of the expedition up that river. They proceeded about seventeen miles, being shot at at intervals by guerrillas on shore, and returning the compliment with shell and canister; but in other respects meeting with no serious obstructions. When they had penetrated thus far, they came across the first of the series of obstructions organized by Mr. IRVING; and, by the aid of a couple of prisoners, were enabled to ascertain their locality and remove them without trouble. Showing nothing above the surface of the water, their detection was a matter of extreme difficulty, and could only be accomplished by watching narrowly everything on the bank with a view of finding the rope by which they were anchored. This once found, a cut from a knife severed the rope, and instantly the torpedo would shoot to the surface, when, by careful handling, its removal was a matter of some delicacy, but no great difficulty.

Within the distance of a mile, they discovered and removed eleven of these dangerous articles. When the blow from the knife allowed them to come to the surface, they would be towed off by seamen in small boats, care being taken to handle them tenderly until the wire was found and its connection with the shore severed.

The ram *Metamora* was going slowly, followed a short distance behind by the *Cairo*. The ram passed over a torpedo, but did not explode it, as she happened to be on the side of the river to which the engine was moored. The *Cairo* became somewhat unmanageable, owing to a high wind, and instead of following in the wake of the ram, as she should have done, she was blown overboard the side opposite that taken by her leader.

The result was that she ran her nose against the wire of the torpedo, which operation was followed by an explosion that crushed in the bottom of the *Cairo*, as if it had been an egg-shell. The blow was given her well forward, and did not affect her machinery to an extent that prevented it being used to run her ashore.

In just eight minutes from the time of the explosion, all that was visible of the *Cairo* were the top of her flag-staff and smoke-stacks—she lay on the bottom in thirty feet of water. So short was the time, that the officers and crew had nothing left but to jump and swim for it—not a single thing beyond what was on their persons was saved. Fortunately—it may be almost said miraculously—no lives were lost, nor was any one injured materially by the explosion. Boats were immediately lowered from the ram, and the floating, swimming crew, were picked up, and transferred to the *Metamora*. The blow was given immediately under the forecastle; had it been under the boilers, the results would have been too horrible to contemplate.

So terrific was the explosion that it drove the bottom completely in, and at the same time threw a 64-pound gun, carriage and all, completely up to the upper deck—breaking, as it did so, the heavy axle-tree squarely in two places. There were undoubtedly many other queer and astonishing operations performed, but owing to want of time they were unnoticed. Men had just time to reach a port and plunge into the river ere the *Cairo* was lying quietly on the bottom.

The smoke-stacks were torn down, and every vestige of the boat that was visible above the water was destroyed, with the view, I suppose, of concealing the catastrophe from the rebels.

In this expedition the boats penetrated within a mile and a half of the first fortifications of the rebels on the Yazoo, and succeeded in removing up to that point all obstructions, so that the passage of the troops of the present expedition will be comparatively easy.

That expedition, composed of about sixty steamers, landed with troops, and a fleet of rams and gunboats is now well under way.

In my next, I hope to be able to give you the results. GALWAY.

COTTON IN ARKANSAS.

A Temple at Helena—Its Votaries—Certain Grounds of Indolence—Trading of Negroes for Cotton—Salt and Quinine as a Circulating Medium—Fortunes Made by the Army—Preparations for Vicksburg.

HELENA, Ark., Thursday, Dec. 11, 1862.

In the absence, for the present, of more exciting news, it may, perhaps, be well to say something of regal cotton. After having spent months in offering inkly incense to red-browed Mars, it is no more than right to pay one's duty to the white-headed monarch, to whom Manchester, Jewry, and the hungry and speculating world, generally, pine to pay allegiance.

We have a temple here, whose dimensions are none of the smallest, whose wealth is not the least, and whose attendance is not the fewest—the worship is the grandest, and glorious and golden are the rewards paid to the devotees.

Our King is rather a saint than a ruler, for men offer wealth, honor, life, integrity, everything, rather than the mere ill-allegiance of courtiers. Men boldly dare the shot-gun of the hush-hacker, the perils of water, arrest, imprisonment; the recesses of swamp, morass and bayou; in short, they dare everything and fear nothing in search of altars upon which they can offer their devotion to this saint of saints, this king of kings.

Not, as in the case of many other allegiances or theologies, do the worshippers represent a single nationality or neighborhood. The congregation is cosmopolitan, and includes the shoulder-straps of the Major-General and Lieutenant. The pork-hating descendants of Abraham, the dulled disciple of KANT and SCHLEGEL, the thin-legged son of chivalry, and the sharp-looking Yankee. Never were worshippers more devout than these; never approached pilgrim Mussulmen the sacred caaba with feelings more reverential than approached these to the hooped and hemped object of their worship.

Yet, withal, there are infidels, as there are in all faiths; and perhaps I can no better illustrate the beauties of the cotton-worship than by giving an extract from the creed of one of the unbelievers. The divine precepts of Him who uttered the sermon of the mount never were more beautiful and benevolent than when contrasted with the cold, unpromising infidelities of a Paine. I will avail myself of the effectiveness of the contrast, and give the subjoined document.

HELENA, Ark., Sept. 29, 1862.

In compliance with an official request, I make the following statement: On the 24th of September, sixteen negroes were taken from a planter living twelve miles below LACON, Mo., by Col. CHAS. E. HORTZ, of the Thirty-third Illinois Infantry. On the 24th or 25th of September, these negroes were placed on the Government steamer *Jaran*, taken back to their owner, and exchanged for fifty bales of cotton. When going down the negroes asked if they were going to be given up, and were answered emphatically in the negative by Col. HORTZ; but when the boat started to return they found themselves on shore and their price in cotton on the boat. It is generally believed that transactions of a similar kind in Col. HORTZ's command are of frequent occurrence—that is, the exchanging of negroes for cotton and money.

On the 26th of September, a force of two hundred men from the Eleventh Illinois went to Fria's Point, a distance of five miles from HORTZ's camp, who surrounded and held the place, while a force consisting of infantry, artillery and cavalry started for a point immediately opposite HORTZ's encampment, and proceeded to a point twenty miles into the interior of Mississippi, where they seized some three hundred and fifty bales of cotton. Putting it in wagons, they started back, reaching the river bank on the 27th inst.

This cotton, taken by United States troops, and transported on United States wagons, was sold, and its proceeds pocketed by the gentleman who captured it. The cost, apart from the march of troops, &c., was Capt. CHAS. and three privates of the Eleventh, killed, and Capt. FORTZ and five privates of the same regiment, wounded.

This statement is made by a gentleman who is running for Congress in Tennessee, and who undoubtedly has concluded that serving his country in a legislative capacity, at \$3,000 per annum, is better and more profitable than service in the congregation of the cotton worshippers.

I might add that a dozen other statements of perfect reliability might be adduced, showing that not only is the practice of running off negroes and then trading them for cotton common, but also that it is equally an every-day operation to use the power of the Government in seizing cotton, whose proceeds are put in the pockets of enterprising private speculators.

In our late trip under Gen. HORTZ, an enterprising Hebrew, who had smuggled himself along as the correspondent of the *Volk's Friend* (Cincinnati), deputed me to offer Gen. HORTZ \$200 for the privilege of buying up a little cotton for the *Volksfreund*. The antecedents of the Hebrew convinced me that the offer would be an

unsafe one; and in consequence, notwithstanding a most liberal inducement, I refused to act as the agent.

There is another branch of cotton worship that has its peculiarities—that is, in fact, less patriotic than profitable. The South needs salt and quinine, and several other things—particularly recognition. For all of these she is willing to give cotton—her only available circulating medium at present—and of these, the two first-named only are attainable. Every cotton seller makes two stipulations—one, that upon delivering of his cotton he shall receive a certain amount of salt and quinine in addition to cash. Buyers are allowed to give limited quantities of these articles, or rather the sellers, upon receiving a permit from the Board of Trade in this place, are allowed to purchase sufficient quantities of these more necessary articles for family use.

Agents of the Confederate Government, however, are willing to supply cotton in unlimited quantities, providing they can be supplied with salt and quinine. The opportunity for a good speculation is tempting; it is only necessary to smuggle a few barrels of salt and a few bottles of quinine aboard, drop down to some point agreed upon, unload the contraband goods, receive the precious cotton, return to St. Louis and dispose of the freight at an advance that will render the operator independent for life. So gigantic has grown this species of transaction of late, and so profitable, that many persons heretofore, not over-wealthy, have been enabled to purchase steamboats and carry on a trade entirely upon their own responsibility.

Officials here knew of the transaction, but failed to see it, providing a bandage of greenbacks were bound over their eyes—apt personifications of Justice, who always rights a wrong when she sees it.

Somebody, however, failed to pay the proper bonus, and the result is, that within the last week or ten days, not less than a dozen vessels, engaged in this lucrative contraband trade, have been tied up, and their owners threatened with arrest, and their boats and cargoes with confiscation. All these boats have, for some time past, been in the practice of dropping below this point and exchanging supplies for cotton. By a tacit understanding between the Confederate agents and the guerrillas, none of the boats engaged in this trade have been molested; if they made fortunes for their owners, they furnished much-needed articles for the Confederates, and hence were of too much benefit to the latter to be molested.

The fortunes that have been made here in cotton buying are beyond all belief. Not merely have thousands of citizens thus benefited themselves, but officers of all grades in the army have been participants in cotton transactions whereby they have suddenly become possessed of immense wealth. I am personally acquainted with men—officers in the United States Army, who, six months ago, could scarcely raise sufficient money to buy a clean shirt, but who to-day have a "clean" half million.

They become rich in various ways. Sometimes an agent operates for them, but more generally they get a start by receiving a few thousand dollars from some speculator, and in liquidation thereof, they send out a few wagons and an escort, which, under pretence of going for forage, goes a few miles into the interior, and brings in a hundred or two hundred bales of cotton.

The extent of transactions in cotton may be estimated when it is known that the shipments through Cairo alone since September 1st have reached a figure not less than 24,000 bales.

These facts may give you an idea of how we manage things in this Department. Matters in relation to Vicksburg are assuming a tangible shape. All the boats in the river above here have been seized and ordered to report at once to Memphis, and as the whole number of boats is about one hundred, something important may reasonably be anticipated. GALWAY.

AFFAIRS IN MINNESOTA.

The Indian Tragedy—Treachery Among the Chippewas—The Condemned Sioux, &c. Correspondence of the New-York Times.

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

SAINT PAUL, MINN., Saturday, Dec. 13, 1862.

Since my last letter to you, dated Nov. 25, and published in your edition of the 7th inst., there has been no news of any particular moment in this remote corner of the Union. But I am to-day put in possession of some facts, which, when they find their way into the public prints of Minnesota, (copied from your journal,) may cause a profound sensation in this and some neighboring counties, viz—Gen. SIBLEY, who has succeeded to the command of this Department, has exhibited a degree of energy in his efforts to encompass this Indian trouble, that justifies him to the respect of every citizen of the State, and in connection with Hon. H. M. Rice and others, has succeeded in making some discovery of Indian treachery, the timely knowledge of which, it is hoped, will tend to the embarrassment of LITTLE CAW and his forces, now arrayed against the Government.

There is a small town called Sunrise, not a great way from here—surely not over fifty miles to the northward—and in this vicinity there are numerous lodges of Chippewas. Some of these lodges have been found far beyond their usual hunting grounds; and upon being interrogated, always profess to be trappers. Upon some of these have been found correspondence from HOLTZ-ET-DAZ, or some of his band, to LITTLE CAW, proposing a joint raid upon the whites in the neighborhood of Sunrise, at as early a period as possible. It is presumed that the Chippewas are only waiting to lay in their usual supply of venison, and that in the course of thirty days they will make another attempt at exterminating the whites. In view of this, Gen. SIBLEY, with his usual promptitude, has dispatched a scout to go up among the Chippewas, and mingle freely with them, to ascertain, if possible, what their real intentions are. This scout, named McLELLAN, was formerly a Judge in some of the Indian character, and is intimately acquainted with the upper country, and thinks he will be able to find out definitely the extent of their arrangements.

Another fact that has fitted out at the Ordnance Department with the necessary arms and ammunition to insure safety, and long ere this he is on his way up the Saint Croix, where in disguise he is to move around among the lumbermen under pretence of measuring logs, but with no real motive than the one spoken of above. He understands his position perfectly, and speaks of it as one of no ordinary peril, as his life would evidently pay the forfeit of his temerity if his designs are discovered. I believe this same McLELLAN was Sheriff at Sunrise last Summer, when a number of half-breeds desired to enlist, but, after obtaining permission to do so, they withdrew, and in excuse said, "Oh, well, half-breeds know when he knows something that he fears to communicate, yet wishes to reveal." "Oh, well, half-breeds know when he knows something that he fears to communicate, yet wishes to reveal." It is presumed by something we know something.

With the two bands in camp again this winter, the Chippewas are so insolent that they visit the homes of the whites at will, and as most of the men have gone to the war, the wives of our brave volun-

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Lower Potomac. He was taken while trying to cross into Maryland, and has been sent to the Old Capitol Prison.

CHRISTMAS FOR SICK SOLDIERS.
Mrs. Secretary Smith, as the result of her benevolent labors, distributed among the different hospitals, on Tuesday, 6,000 pounds of poultry, besides large quantities of other delicacies palatable to the sick, for a Christmas dinner, for which arrangements have been made in all of the hospitals here.

THE INDIANS.
Senator Wilkinson, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, has reported an important joint resolution:

Warfare. The Sioux or Dakota nation of Indians have, by their marauding attacks for years upon the frontier of the United States, forfeited all claims to the right of occupancy of the extensive region heretofore left to their possession, and to annuities due to become due under existing treaties; therefore be it

Resolved. That the President of the United States do, and he is authorized to do, all such things as may be required for agricultural purposes, and to remove said Indians therefrom, and to cause the same to be sold as will enable said Indians to live as agriculturists.

RECOGNIZED.
The President has recognized Guillermo River, of San Francisco, as Consul of the Republic of Guatemala, for the State of California.

APPOINTMENT.
Capt. James A. Farish, of the Seventy-ninth Regiment, Highlanders, has just been appointed by the Secretary of War, Paymaster in the United States Army. Capt. Farish was with his regiment at the first battle of Bull Run, was taken prisoner, and, along with Gen. Cockran and others, confined in Richmond for over twelve months, until an interchange of prisoners took place.

APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINING SURGEONS.
The Commissioner of Penitentiaries has made the following appointments of Examining Surgeons:

Dr. A. H. Ames, Lyons, Iowa.
Dr. O. B. Howell, Aurora, Ill.
Dr. S. C. G. Brown, Washington, Ind.
Dr. Stephen D. Ayres, Marion, Ind.
Dr. Townsend Ryan, Anderson, Ind.

SICK SENT OFF.
About five hundred convalescent soldiers, from the hospitals here, were sent to Northern hospitals to-day per railroad. About the same number will be sent to the same destination to-morrow.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 24.

THE FINANCIAL PROJECT OF SECRETARY CHASE.
Secretary Chase has sent to Representative Strauss his financial project, recommending a loan of nine hundred millions of dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding three per cent. authorized by law. The Secretary does not suggest any augmentation of Treasury notes. The Committee of Ways and Means have not yet considered the subject.

REVENUE DECISION.
The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that slaughtered hogs, weighing more than 150 pounds each, shall be estimated by the Assessors as exceeding six months old.

A TRAMSEY TO BE HUNG.
The President has approved of the sentence of the Court-martial held at Norfolk, for the hanging of Frederick Serris, a teamster, who murdered a colored man at Camp Hamilton.

The Rise in the Price of Paper.
The recent rapid advance in the price of paper has elicited much comment, and some of the daily papers in this city have attributed this advance to a combination among the manufacturers and dealers in paper in connection with the "Paper Makers' Association." An article in your columns a few days since shows that you have fallen into this error. A brief explanation of the causes of the present high prices of paper may interest your readers and correct much misapprehension upon this subject. For some time before the war began the paper market was depressed, mainly from over-production, and for many months afterward the tendency was to still lower prices. This state of things was less disastrous to the paper makers in consequence of the low price of stock. The revival of business and the increased demand for paper for Government purposes, gave prices an upward tendency, and created a greater demand for paper and manufacturers by paper makers. There were few branches of manufacturing where the raw material forms so large a percentage of the whole cost as in the manufacture of paper, especially of the quality used by the newspaper press. The ordinary annual production of paper in the United States for several years, is estimated at not less than 100,000 tons. To produce this quantity of paper would require more than 150,000 tons of stock, so great is the waste in manufacturing. This stock comes mainly from the following sources: 1st. Domestic rag saved by careful housewives. From this source paper makers obtain at least 65 per cent of the whole quantity used. These rags are chiefly of cotton fabric. 2d. Foreign rags, both linen and cotton; from this source is obtained from 10 to 12 per cent. 3d. Rope and bagging used in baling cotton, and the refuse of raw cotton from the cotton mills; this is estimated at about 10 per cent. The balance is made up mostly from old canvas and straw. This statement shows that domestic rags, with rope, bagging and cotton-waste, furnish about seventy-five per cent of all the stock used in the manufacture of paper. Non-intercourse with the Cotton States has cut off the entire supply of rope, bagging and cotton-waste. The high price of cotton has greatly increased the consumption of cotton goods. Old garments have been patched and worn which have heretofore gone into the rag-bag, and this must be borne in mind, that one million of men now in public service wear no cotton. Consequently, a large percentage has been cut off from this source. A new and unlooked-for competition has sprung up for the better quality of domestic rags, and the manufacturers of cotton goods and bagging. Paper makers soon found that rags were becoming scarce, and they naturally began to look ahead, fearing that they might be unable to supply the demand being greater than their supply. Prices advanced, and, as a consequence, the interest paid on the rags increased. This alarmed the large consumers of paper, and they thought it necessary to look ahead. Thus, a combination of circumstances created a great difficulty in the paper market, and stock advanced 100 to 200 per cent. Foreign rags have advanced at least 100 per cent. Not less than 35 per cent of the advance in the price of paper is due to the depreciation of the currency and the Government Excise tax. The alarm of paper makers and paper consumers has resulted in a great advance in the price of paper, and a more rapid rise than would have otherwise taken place. The rag collectors and smaller dealers throughout the country refuse to sell, holding for higher prices. Some of the dealers in this city, who are in the "combination of paper makers," to protect themselves against higher prices, have, by their own purchases, given an upward impulse to the market which they little dreamed of. The paper makers depreciate this state of things as much as the consumers. No branch of business is benefited by such violent fluctuations, and many of the men who are charged with combining to create a paper panic have large contracts to supply at former prices, while they are unable to pay the present high rates for stock, and consequently are suffering large losses. Paper makers have been and are now, free to buy and sell paper at the market price, and are not under the control of the Paper Makers' Association or any combination of paper makers or paper dealers. The meeting of the Paper Makers' Association, relating to prices, was not obligatory, but simply a recommendation in regard to two or three qualities of paper. Those dealers who are in the "combination of paper makers," at that time, but the market soon advanced 40 per cent above the rates named. But even if there had been an agreement in reference to prices, it would have given no just ground for complaint. Nothing is more common than such agreements. The proprietors of the newspaper Press have had conferences upon kindred topics, which afford a high precedent. Many of the writing-paper manufacturers, some months since, in view of the excise tax and the advance in stock, agreed to advance their prices, and no one thought of criticising their action. Those engaged in the trade are just as much in the dark as the paper consumers in regard to the future of supplies and prices.

A MEMBER
Of the Paper Makers' Association.

Murder at Lynn, Mass.
Barnes, Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Nathan Bred, Jr., proprietor of a respectable grocery store in Lynn, Mass., was murdered last night by a young man named Hosias Davis. The murder was perpetrated in the store with a hatchet, while Mr. Barnes was engaged in putting up some article which Davis had called for. Davis has been arrested.

IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST

A Hail of the Rebels into Holly Springs.

The Small National Force There Overwhelmed.

Grand Junction and Memphis Threatened.

CAIRO, Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Several companies taken at Holly Springs, arrived here, furnish the following facts:

On Thursday telegrams were received at Holly Springs from Jackson, saying the place was menaced by rebels, and asking for reinforcements. Friday morning all the troops, but about 800, were sent to Jackson. The same night, the commander at Holly Springs being apprised of rebels approaching that place, pickets were stationed three miles out on all the roads, but the rebels seem to have come in between the roads, as the pickets made no alarm. The first heard of the enemy, they were to town, firing at our sleeping men. Some resistance was made, but of course feeble. In a short time the Federals were overpowered, and compelled to surrender. The attack was made at daybreak.

Two hundred Federals were reported killed and wounded, and 150 captured, who were afterward paroled. The balance escaped.

It is reported in Memphis that the Rebels have gone toward Grand Junction with the intention of tearing up the road, but nothing is known positively. At Holly Springs they burned large quantities of cotton, over two hundred wagons, a depot full of commissary stores, ammunition, &c., valued at \$500,000. The number of rebels is estimated at 5,000, and are under Van Doan.

A small rebel force made a raid on the suburbs of Memphis, Sunday night, pillaged several stores, carried off 100 cattle and 180 mules. Excitement in Memphis exists in consequence of a meeting called on Monday night to consider the best means of defence.

Gen. Thomas has reached Helena, preparing to move down the river.

It is reported here to-night that Jarr. Thompson is moving on New-Madrid with 2,000 men, from Pocahontas, Ark., and that he was within forty miles of that place on Monday.

Rebel force operating in Northwestern Tennessee burned Union City and the bridge over the Union last night. Every effort is being made to meet them.

IMPORTANT FROM THE PACIFIC.

The Revolution in Japan—The Tycoon Stripped of his Power—Russian Troops to Aid the Chinese in Putting Down the Rebellion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Dec. 23.

The British steamer *Scotland*, from Hong Kong on the 30th of October, Shanghai on the 8th of November, and Kanagawa on the 22d of November, has arrived at this port.

The *Scotland* is the pioneer of a new British line of steamers, which are to make a monthly trip between San Francisco, Japan, and China. The charge for freight is \$15 a ton, and for passengers \$250 each.

The *Scotland* brings 700 tons of freight from China and 300 tons from Japan, principally tea.

The *Scotland* left 21 steamers and 175 sailing vessels in port at Shanghai.

It was rumored at Shanghai that a large body of Russian troops was coming from the Amoor to aid the Chinese Government in recapturing Ningpo and putting down the rebellion.

The *Japan Herald* of the 22d November, says that the revolution in Japan is complete.

The Tycoon had been stripped of nearly all his special privileges.

There was considerable inquiry, by the Japanese for steamships to establish a line between Oracava and Yokohama.

Amusements.

WINTER GARDEN.—For a holiday entertainment at the Winter Garden, Mr. and Mrs. BARNY WILLIAMS give a revival of "The Lakes of Killarney," an Irish drama, which has been so constructed as to admit of its being put upon the stage in a framework of very beautiful scenery. The piece combines an interesting plot, of a domestic nature, (wherein several young persons do the usual amount of love-making,) with episodes of fairy intervention. Whenever the fairies appear, they are always surrounded by the most brilliant pictorial accessories; and themselves—in the persons of a large and well-appointed corps de ballet—present a series of specially attractive groupings.

The dancing, indispensable to the existence of theatrical fairies, is led by Mr. G. P. Bowers, a neat and graceful performer. Mr. and Mrs. BARNY WILLIAMS, with rope, bagging and cotton-waste, furnish about seventy-five per cent of all the stock used in the manufacture of paper. Non-intercourse with the Cotton States has cut off the entire supply of rope, bagging and cotton-waste. The high price of cotton has greatly increased the consumption of cotton goods. Old garments have been patched and worn which have heretofore gone into the rag-bag, and this must be borne in mind, that one million of men now in public service wear no cotton. Consequently, a large percentage has been cut off from this source. A new and unlooked-for competition has sprung up for the better quality of domestic rags, and the manufacturers of cotton goods and bagging. Paper makers soon found that rags were becoming scarce, and they naturally began to look ahead, fearing that they might be unable to supply the demand being greater than their supply. Prices advanced, and, as a consequence, the interest paid on the rags increased. This alarmed the large consumers of paper, and they thought it necessary to look ahead. Thus, a combination of circumstances created a great difficulty in the paper market, and stock advanced 100 to 200 per cent. Foreign rags have advanced at least 100 per cent. Not less than 35 per cent of the advance in the price of paper is due to the depreciation of the currency and the Government Excise tax. The alarm of paper makers and paper consumers has resulted in a great advance in the price of paper, and a more rapid rise than would have otherwise taken place. The rag collectors and smaller dealers throughout the country refuse to sell, holding for higher prices. Some of the dealers in this city, who are in the "combination of paper makers," to protect themselves against higher prices, have, by their own purchases, given an upward impulse to the market which they little dreamed of. The paper makers depreciate this state of things as much as the consumers. No branch of business is benefited by such violent fluctuations, and many of the men who are charged with combining to create a paper panic have large contracts to supply at former prices, while they are unable to pay the present high rates for stock, and consequently are suffering large losses. Paper makers have been and are now, free to buy and sell paper at the market price, and are not under the control of the Paper Makers' Association or any combination of paper makers or paper dealers. The meeting of the Paper Makers' Association, relating to prices, was not obligatory, but simply a recommendation in regard to two or three qualities of paper. Those dealers who are in the "combination of paper makers," at that time, but the market soon advanced 40 per cent above the rates named. But even if there had been an agreement in reference to prices, it would have given no just ground for complaint. Nothing is more common than such agreements. The proprietors of the newspaper Press have had conferences upon kindred topics, which afford a high precedent. Many of the writing-paper manufacturers, some months since, in view of the excise tax and the advance in stock, agreed to advance their prices, and no one thought of criticising their action. Those engaged in the trade are just as much in the dark as the paper consumers in regard to the future of supplies and prices.

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MARRIED.

CHAMBERS—SMITH.—In Charleston, South Carolina, on Tuesday, Dec. 23, by Rev. Mr. BETH, WILLIAM CHAMBERS, of Charleston, to MARIA, daughter of Archibald Smith, of Charleston.

GARDNER—WOOD.—In Morristown, N.J., on Tuesday, Dec. 23, by Rev. Mr. R. T. CRAWFORD, S. V. C., and E. L. A. daughter of Hon. Wm. Wood, of Morristown, N.J., to Miss Mary E. Gardner, second daughter of Samuel H. Gardner, of N. Y. Cards.

MATTHEWS—WILSON.—In New York City, on Tuesday, Dec. 23, by Rev. Mr. W. L. WILSON, to Miss Mary E. Matthews, daughter of the late James L. Matthews, of this City.

LINT—STEVENS.—On Wednesday morning, Dec. 24, by Rev. Mr. A. L. LINT, to Miss Mary E. Stevens, daughter of the late James L. Lint, of this City.

MARVIN—BATES.—On Wednesday, Dec. 24, at the Church of the Memorial, in New York City, by Rev. Mr. J. B. MARVIN, to Miss Mary E. Bates, daughter of the late James L. Marvin, of this City.

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THE REBELLION.

No dispatches from the Army of the Potomac reached us yesterday or last night. In fact, there is very little army news from any quarter.

Our Key West correspondent, under date of the 15th inst., states that more than fifty large vessels belonging to the Banks Expedition, had been seen passing into the Gulf within three days, and that the only disaster reported was that of the *M. Sandford*, already mentioned. The troops which were on board of her were comfortably housed in barracks at Key West awaiting transportation.

Several communications from Gen. Baag were received in Nashville on Dec. 22. In one of them he endeavors to excuse himself for his violation of the cartel of exchange, in sending the Hartsville prisoners to our lines without previous notice, and to Nashville instead of to Vicksburg. His explanations are very insufficient. In another he demands the return of A. J. MAASBANDS, arrested in Van Buren County, by order of Gen. DUMONT, and sent to Camp Chase. He says the arrest was in violation of an agreement between himself and Gen. ROSECRANS; but in another communication, in which he replies to a remonstrance from Gen. ROSECRANS with regard to the arrest of Mrs. CLIFF, he declares he will do as he pleases with respect to her and all other citizens of Tennessee. In still another note he says that Col. MOORE, of the One Hundred-and-fourth Illinois, and his Aid, Lieut. DONALD, were left at Murfreesboro by mistake, and await Gen. ROSECRANS' decision as to whether they shall be sent to Nashville or Vicksburg. The entire correspondence on the part of the rebel leader is characterized by much braggadocio and insolence.

In intercepted letters from Knoxville, the following list of prices at that point is given: Per pound—common tea, \$16; soda, \$3 50; sugar, 75 cents; bacon, 35 to 40 cents; salt, 14 cents; coffee, \$3 50; flour, \$30 per bbl.; wood, \$20 to \$30 per cord; apples, \$5 per bushel; pines, \$1 per paper; boots, \$50 per pair; hats, \$15 to \$25 each; calico, \$1 50 per yard. A letter from a slave-trader says he is buying negroes in Richmond for \$1,200 and \$1,300, and selling them in Georgia and Alabama for \$1,500 and \$1,600.

The army now concentrated at Helena, Arkansas, it is said, numbers at least 60,000 men. Rumors are in circulation that nearly the whole of Gen. GRANT'S army will abandon Mississippi for the present, probably to take part in the expedition down the river, which may not move for several weeks.

A rebel Colonel, A. W. JONES, was recently captured in Arkansas. He was the Provost-Marshal-General of the "Trans-Mississippi District." He describes the army in Arkansas as in a most wretched condition. In the language of his negro servant, (who was with him), "they just got plenty of nothing." He states that RAINS and PARSONS have been ousted. FROST commands PARSONS' Division, and is in bad repute. Provisions had become so scarce that Gen. HINDMAN had issued an order for all families from Missouri to once return.

GENERAL NEWS.

The celebration of the Christmas Anniversary was very general in this City. We give in other columns reports of the doings in the churches, the institutions, &c.

It is reported that the bill which passed Congress some days ago, for the admission into the Union of the new State of "West Virginia," was, through some oversight among the clerks at the Capitol, detained from the President until Monday last. He is allowed ten days from that time to consider it.

A Treasury Note case, has been decided in the Court at Cleveland, Ohio. The "greenbacks" are recognized and declared by the court to be a legal tender for all debts.

It is stated that Commodore WILKES cannot long continue to act as commander of the squadron in the West Indies, from the fact that he has arrived at the age of 63 years. In fact he was of that age when he received his present commission of Commodore. He is removed to the retired list of Captains.

Seven hundred mules were shipped to Washington from Cincinnati on Dec. 22, and two thousand more are awaiting transportation.

In consequence of the refusal of the Canadian Banks to receive silver in payment of a heavy discount, the financial manager of the Great Western Railway at Suspension Bridge has issued a notice that, on and after Dec. 1, silver will not be accepted by that Company in payment of freight charges, or for tickets, in a larger proportion than five per cent. of the total amount payable; and in no case must that proportion exceed the amount of five dollars.

The excitement at Columbia, South Carolina, on the discovery of an immense bed of the best

rock salt near Opelika, proves to have had its origin in the finding of several lumps of this mineral which had accidentally fallen from a passing train a year or two ago.

The Movement upon Fredericksburgh.

The prompt publication of the testimony taken by the Congressional Committee has rendered an essential service to the country. It has arrested the strong current of abuse which, in the absence of knowledge, and under the stimulus partly of indignation at the defeat of the army, and partly of partisan hostility, was sweeping over the country against the Administration. We are now able to trace the complete history of Gen. BURNSIDE'S movement upon Fredericksburgh, and to define the causes of its failure;—and if we fall to fix upon any individual the responsibility of the failure, it will be because that failure was due to a lack of cooperation and a concurrence of untoward events, rather than the specific misconduct of particular men.

The order for Gen. BURNSIDE to take command of the army reached him on the 7th of November, in the evening, at Orleans, Fauquier County. On the 8th of November he arrived, simultaneously with Gen. McCLELLAN, at Warrenton. On the 9th he addressed a letter to Gen. HALLECK, proposing to change the route of the army at once from Culpepper and Gordonsville to Fredericksburgh, and setting forth in detail his reasons for the change. The leading reason was the necessity of having a shorter line of communications, and being nearer supplies in the advance upon Richmond. He requested, if this plan should be approved, that to enable him to carry it out, supplies, commissary stores, and pontoons enough to span the Rappahannock twice, should be sent from Washington to Falmouth, opposite Fredericksburgh. Gen. BURNSIDE knew that the rebel Gen. JACKSON had been sent up the Shenandoah Valley, away from the main body of the rebel army, for the purpose of attacking our right flank;—and his purpose in moving to Fredericksburgh was to cross the river at once, push on toward Richmond and fight the enemy before JACKSON could be recalled and join the main body of the rebel army. It is clear that such a movement depended for success wholly upon the celerity with which it was made; and this depended upon the vigorous and hearty cooperation of all who were concerned in its execution.

On receiving this letter Gen. HALLECK proceeded to Warrenton, with Gen. MEigs and Gen. HARRY, who went at his request, to confer with Gen. BURNSIDE concerning the proposed change. They arrived Nov. 12, and the whole subject was freely canvassed in conversation that evening. It was understood that the plan must receive the President's approval before it could be put in operation; but the subject of supplies, pontoons, &c., was discussed in advance. On that very evening, in order to expedite matters, Gen. HALLECK, at the suggestion of Gen. MEigs, signed an order to Gen. WOODBURY, of the Engineer Brigade, directing him to "call upon the Chief Quartermaster to transport all his pontoons and bridge materials to Aquia Creek." This order Gen. WOODBURY received on the morning of the 13th. On the 15th he sent three companies to build temporary wharves at Aquia—and on the 16th, (three days after the receipt of the order,) 48 pontoons were started from Washington by water, and arrived at the mouth of Aquia Creek on the 18th. On the 19th, thirty more were sent, which reached the same place on the 22d, and on the 24th a portion of them reached Falmouth. Meantime the President's approval of Gen. BURNSIDE'S plan reached him early on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 15, at Warrenton, where the whole army was encamped.

Gen. BURNSIDE immediately put the army in motion, without waiting to know whether the pontoons and supplies had been started, but relying implicitly and without inquiry on the execution of Gen. HALLECK'S order. And it is at this point that the complications begin. Gen. BURNSIDE testified that he "supposed the telegrams sent from Warrenton by Gen. HALLECK would secure the starting of the pontoons at once,"—and that "those portions of the plan which required to be attended to at Washington would be carried out there at once." If he had not supposed so, he says, he "could have sent officers of his own to attend to them." Gen. HALLECK, on the other hand, states that, while at Warrenton, he told Gen. BURNSIDE that "everything was at his disposition," but that "he must make his own requisitions and give his own orders;"—and he adds, "I told him not to send me any requisitions, but to make them to the proper heads of Departments, and if they did not do their duty, then immediately to report it to me, but that I could not attend to any requisitions at all." And Gen. MEigs, testifying on the same point, says that "the march of an army is to be managed by its commander;" and that "when a General undertakes to make a movement, he must give his orders himself." Gen. BURNSIDE, with his usual frankness, acknowledges that he, perhaps, made a mistake in not sending his own officers to look after these matters at Washington. In a movement requiring so much accuracy of cooperation, no precaution to secure it should be neglected. In starting Gen. SUMNER'S Division on the 15th, as soon as he received the assent of the President to his plan, and without waiting for distinct information as to the supplies and pontoons, Gen. BURNSIDE seems to have taken too much for granted. His army could have remained at Warrenton with perfect safety, and without betraying its designs to the enemy, for several days longer; and certainly of cooperation was of more importance even than celerity of movement to the success of his plan.

But it seems also quite clear that Gen. HALLECK, and perhaps Gen. MEigs, trusted a good deal more to the routine of the service than was safe in such a movement. No man knew better than Gen. HALLECK that it was inadvisable to the success

of Gen. BURNSIDE'S movement that he should have the means of crossing the river as soon as he should reach Falmouth, in order to anticipate the arrival of the enemy. Yet he does not seem to have done anything outside of the usual routine of the departments, to make it certain that he should have them. That routine, perhaps, should have been sufficient to secure it; and Gen. HALLECK is entitled, it may be, to plead that with the whole army and all its movements on his hands, he cannot be expected to attend to the details of any one. Gen. WOODBURY states that when he found that it would be impossible, in consequence of rain, destruction of bridges, the grounding of transports and other accidents which no human power can prevent, for the supplies and pontoons to reach Falmouth by the time appointed, he urged Gen. HALLECK to "delay the movement some five days in order that the necessary preparations might be made to insure its success." It is greatly to be regretted that this judicious suggestion was not acted upon; though Gen. HALLECK testifies that he has no recollection of having ever heard it. Indeed he states that he left Gen. BURNSIDE with the impression that he intended to cross the Rappahannock with a portion of his forces at the ford above its junction with the Rapid.

Taking the facts as developed in this inquiry, it seems evident that the undertaking made at Warrenton, to transport supplies, pontoons, &c., from Washington to Falmouth, within the time required for the march of the army thither, was one beyond the power of the Government to fulfill. As Gen. MEigs very justly remarked, the transport of so large a train a hundred miles is a very serious undertaking, and is always subject to casualties which no foresight can possibly prevent. So far as appears, every department did its best to accomplish the work. But it was rash for Gen. BURNSIDE to rely upon it at the start; and sufficient care was not taken afterward to keep him advised concerning the delays which were encountered. We see no shadow of justification for the sweeping censures which have been passed upon any of the officials connected with the movement. But there is abundant proof of the necessity of greater vigilance and caution in movements of such delicacy, and depending so entirely for success on the cooperation of different branches of the service.

Conservatism and Radicalism;—Patriotism the Master of Both.

Secretary Seward and Secretary Chase withdrew their late resignations, it is understood, only on the condition made by each, that the other should do the same. These men have been represented as respectively the embodiments of conservatism and radicalism. They have constantly been so characterized by the same class of journals which have made it their main business to breed interecine war between conservatives and radicals—which have especially devoted themselves to the idea that there was something as essentially incompatible between the two political elements as between fire and water. We trust these journals will duly apprehend the practical rebuke now administered them. From their own recognized headquarters they have received an official certificate of their folly.

Folly it unquestionably is. It is carrying into an exceptional period a distinction which really belongs only to the ordinary condition of national life. It is applying health regulations to a mortal procyonism. In ordinary times our politics have always been influenced by two diverse tendencies—one toward conservatism, the other toward innovation; or, if the words be better liked, we will say, one bent most on preserving, the other on reforming. These two counter agencies are found in every free society; and it is their mutual action alone that secures that healthful condition which combines stability and progress. But these are no such times. The question now is not—how the nation can best exist, but how it can exist at all. Death threatens it. It is convulsed as no nation ever before was. Relief must come quickly or never. We say that, in such an extremity, nothing but absolute folly can think of admitting or excluding relief, as it may or may not tally with the old standards. The prime concern is not whether your remedy is called conservative or radical, but whether it will be effective.

In fact, the old names of conservative and radical have by this time pretty much lost all of their distinctive meaning. So far as the great matter of the day is concerned, all loyal men are conservative; for they are all agreed on the supreme necessity of preserving the nation's life, if possible. They are all agreed, too on cutting up slavery root and branch, if need be, and extirpating everything whatsoever that lies in the way of that consummation; and this makes them all virtually radical. As respects the essential ideas then we say that all truly loyal men are alike. They agree in principle.

Of course we don't deny that there may be a difference on the minor questions of the time and manner of applying the principle. One person, for instance, may deem that the President's movement against Slavery was rightly timed and rightly directed; another may think very differently. But so long as both alike admit that Slavery must be destroyed sooner than that the Union shall perish, the one is, in fact, no more radical at the core than the other. The difference between the two men is mainly a difference in point of view. As one looks at the situation, he thinks the President's step opportune and expedient; as the other surveys it, it may be to him just the reverse. But why should the latter rail at the former when he is not sure that the next week or the next month may not bring him exactly to the same position? Events are moving, and new aspects opening, with great rapidity. It is notorious that nearly every one who objects to the preservation of the Union differently from what he did a year ago. Then there was an almost universal opinion that the rebellion could be put down without precipitat-

ing the final solution of the great Slavery problem. Now the majority believe, as President LINCOLN himself has come to believe, that the one is not possible without the other. Previous conceptions have been borne down by the resistless stream of events. In our opinion, the very "conservative" triumphs, so called, which have recently taken place, will only hasten the time of a universal acquiescence, by all loyal men, in the President's Proclamation. Those triumphs, so far as they proceeded from political rather than military causes, were due chiefly to a lingering hope that the rebels might be induced, by a conciliatory manifestation, to seek some path that would bring them back into the Union. The subsequent bearing of the rebels has shown that they are beyond all such inducements. True, they rejoiced in these Democratic triumphs; but only because they construed them to be favorable to their independence. They welcomed them as the harbingers of disunion, not of re-union; and therefore it is that honest Democrats are beginning to be more in earnest for the vigorous prosecution of the war, and to regard the President's policy against slavery with much more favor. We are satisfied that nothing but time is wanting to make all truly loyal men of one accord in this matter. But whether this is so or not, it is absurd to give paramount importance to these minor questions of methods and means, when there is no essential difference in principle. They who not only thus magnify them, but seek through them to foment fierce and fatal dissensions in the North, are not only foolish but treacherous and wicked.

The two Secretaries, though perhaps their ideas upon public policy may not have entirely coincided, find no difficulty in working together with their whole mind and soul for the salvation of the country. They in fact insist in working side by side, if at all. The same largeness of spirit ought to inspire loyal men everywhere. It is the last time in the world to be opinionative; the last time to arrogate to ourselves the only wisdom that can save the nation. All sensible men, in the face of the constant successions of unexpected developments in this struggle, are learning to distrust their own judgment, and to bear more contentedly any policy which the constituted authorities of the Government may think best to adopt for the good of the cause. This is the true public spirit, and the only pledge of final success.

Danger in the Southwest.

The telegraph has more than confirmed the unfavorable view we took in Wednesday's TIMES of Gen. GRANT'S position in the Southwest. The rebels not only have burned the bridge over the Obion River, as we surmised they would, which cuts off Jackson, Tenn., from Columbus and Cairo, but they have advanced boldly to Union City and burned that, and continued their desolating march right on toward Columbus, their former stronghold on the Mississippi. The first report we had of the serious rebel demonstration north of Jackson was, that Gen. DAVIS was about to set out from Columbus with a force large enough to drive away the rebels, and that the railroad would be repaired in two weeks at most. But now the news is that Gen. DAVIS (or Gen. TUTTLE, Commandant at Cairo) is confident that "Columbus can be held against the rebels," who are reported 7,000 strong, within a few miles of that place! The destruction of the bridge over the Obion River, to be followed, of course, by similar injuries to the railroad at other points where bridges and trestle-work exist, will, we have every reason to apprehend, verify our prediction in regard to the final and forcible change of the base of GRANT'S army.

But if this were the only disaster, it might soon be recovered from. GRANT'S base should have been at Memphis. He is now checked in his campaign, and will be obliged to open communications with the Mississippi River at Memphis—thus doing on compulsion, at vast loss and with the sacrifice of his campaign, what sound military judgment should have dictated before his march into the State of Mississippi was commenced. But what has he lost in the meantime, by depending on the long line of communication from Holly Springs to Columbus and Cairo? The telegraph yesterday told the story with conciseness and force. The rebel cavalry commenced their recent raid by a demonstration in the vicinity of Jackson, Tenn. This town is nearly the geographical centre of West Tennessee, connected north with Columbus, Ky., and south with Corinth, the celebrated battle-ground, by the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, and also southwest with Bolivar and Grand Junction, by the Mississippi Central Railroad. Jackson is the key-point of the country lying between the Mississippi and the Tennessee Rivers; it has been strongly fortified, and since the siege of Corinth has remained the headquarters of our Army of the Southwest. Gen. GRANT moved from Jackson when he commenced the invasion of the State of Mississippi. A very large accumulation of army stores and subsistence has been made at Jackson—it is the depot from which all the surrounding points, Corinth, Bolivar and Grand Junction, are supplied. As soon as the rebels, a week ago, threatened Jackson, the commanding officer at Holly Springs was notified of the fact by telegraph, and requested to send all the forces he could spare for its protection. He did so. But as soon as they were gone, Jackson was not attacked, but Holly Springs was! And it was taken, and a general bonfire made of all the cotton and of all the property of GRANT'S army found there, including 200 wagons, and subsistence and ammunition amounting in value to \$500,000. The Union forces at Holly Springs were made prisoners and paroled. Some of them have reached Cairo and brought this discouraging news. They state that VAN DORN, with a force of 5,000 rebels, is conducting this successful assault on GRANT'S communications; and that after having destroyed the Government property at Holly Springs, they moved on toward Grand Junction

for the purpose of capturing it. If they succeed in this they will destroy the railroad bridge over Wolf River and thus have GRANT completely cut off from Corinth, Bolivar and Jackson. The reduction of these places will then apparently be a mere matter of time. It will only require the concentration of the Holly Springs force under VAN DORN with the force that has broken up the railroad north of Jackson, which no power that GRANT or TUTTLE wield can prevent. At Bolivar the Mississippi Central Railroad, south of Jackson, crosses the Hatchie River. The bridge there being destroyed, as well as that north of Jackson, over the Obion River, the town of Jackson would seem to be beyond the reach of all help. And if it falls, the loss of Memphis itself would hardly be a severer blow, whether considered in reference to the military basket or the loss of immense supplies.

It is a question with us whether the present rebel movements do not portend a sharp, quick turn in the entire campaign in the Southwest. Gen. GRANT having been, as it appears, effectually cut off from his base at Cairo, and from his interior positions, Corinth, Bolivar and Jackson, the entire course of the Tennessee River is uncovered to the rebels. They are free to reoccupy Fort Henry and Fort Donelson, planting the banks of the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers with batteries, and flanking Gen. ROSECRANS at Nashville. If the rebels can succeed in this manoeuvre and then break the railroad line between Louisville and Nashville—a very trifling achievement for them, we too well know—the magnificent army under ROSECRANS would be in each peril as would make every friend of the Union tremble. We have reason to think that the Confederate powers mean to make a superhuman effort to recover Nashville and crush the army that holds it, and that the derangement and defeat of GRANT'S campaign against Jackson and Vicksburg, Miss., will prove the most skillful combination of the war, the same force that checks GRANT by an attack in the rear being converted into a flanking force that puts ROSECRANS at Nashville in extreme danger.

The Government cannot watch the development of the rebel programme in the Southwest too closely. The presence of JEFF. DAVIS and JO. JOHNSON is not without its purpose. We trust Gen. GRANT may be able to cope with them; but already he is isolated by his blundering or his bad luck, and cannot send an order twenty miles from his own camp in any direction over his grand Department.

Mormonism in the Union.

It is very remarkable, the silence that has so long prevailed in this country in regard to the Territory of Utah, its singular prophet and people, and the anomalous institutions they maintain. A few years ago, every mail from the "Salt Lake" brought us a full-grown sensation. Sometimes it was a regular nor'wester from BRIGHAM YOUNG, blowing the soul of a dead President to Hades, sounding the trump of judgment to the living incumbent of the White House, denouncing the overthrow of the Union and its godless Gentile population, and winding up with a piping blast in favor of the peace enjoyed by the Latter-Day Saints in the possession of a Prophet-ruler and a plurality of wives. Sometimes it was a lesser light that held forth in the Mormon temple—HESKA KIMSALL or an equally high Priest—who with less dogmatic energy but with more brilliancy and affluence of language and illustration, held up the Government and people of the United States to the ridicule and laughter of the broad humorists of Deseret—plunged us in the barrenness and desolation in which we were about to be left, and glorified themselves for having found and occupied the true garden of Eden, and planted therein divine institutions of patriarchal and polygamous type. Sometimes it was "Elder Slog" and the likes of him who mingled the rattling of musketry with the heavy roar of artillery from the bigger guns, and dinned about the ears of the nation the doom that Mormonism was preparing for us and all graced Gentiles who scouted the revelations of JOSEPH, and doubted the inspirations of BRIGHAM.

The Apostles went out in those days and preached in England, Germany and France, in Fez, Ningpo and Byzantium—proselyting the peoples of the earth and bringing them in squalid crowds, ship-full after ship-full, to the populous harbor of New-York, whence they took their way by rail to the Missouri River, and thence by wheelbarrow-train to the promised land of Deseret. It was a phenomenon in its day—the wonderful gospel of Mormonism; its origin and spread; the coherence and tenacity of its followers; the bold defiance of reason, common sense and common decency in its practices, and its audacious rebellion against the institutions and authority of the Government under which it existed.

The persistent violation of the laws of the United States at last brought on war between the Government and the Mormons, and the campaign was organized against them under the Buchanan Administration. The people have almost forgotten it—so rapid and overwhelming in interest the events that have since transpired. But they will recall, without much effort, some of the leading facts of the campaign; such as that ALBERT SUNKY JOHNSON, rebel General killed at Shiloh, led the army across the Plains to subjugate BRIGHAM YOUNG—that his command was caught in the snows of the mountains, and nearly perished—that Gen. R. B. MARCY (Gen. McCLELLAN'S father-in-law, and late Chief-of-Staff) made a trip of incredible hardship from the army to New-Mexico for provisions to save them, and succeeded—that the army finally entered Utah, but found no rebels in arms to oppose it, and consequently had nothing to do—that it moved Southwestward from Salt Lake, and went into camp, which camp was named "Camp Floyd," in honor of the memorable FLOYD, then Secretary of War—where it remained till the difficulty blew over. Chiefly the people will not forget that this Mormon war cost the Government not much

under \$20,000,000—that the celebrated EYS SELL, WADDELL & MAJORS, contractors for transportation to the army in Utah, drew drafts for millions of dollars of unearned money, which drafts were accepted by the generous FLOYD; and finally, that several hundred thousand dollars of Indian Trust Bonds were stolen from the Interior Department at Washington, then under charge of JACOB THOMSON, a Secessionist of the Floyd type, to sustain the fraudulent acceptance aforesaid.

It is astonishing that Utah has been so quickly and so completely lost out of mind after that recent and startling episode in its history. The fact is, Utah grew immensely rich by the war. Millions of gold were spent there, and BRIGHAM YOUNG is perhaps now one of the richest men on the continent. But riches have had the usual effect, even on the mind of a prophet; they have hardened BRIGHAM'S heart, made him worldly-minded, and careful to keep his treasures. He has multiplied his wives, to be sure, but he has ceased to preach treasore. He has, indeed, apparently made friends with the Union, for we perceive, on reference to Moody's proceedings in Congress, that Mr. ASHLER, of Ohio, has introduced a bill "to enable Utah (with other Territories) to form State Governments, preliminary to their admission into the Union."

It is not necessary to add that BRIGHAM YOUNG inspires this movement—that he does not renounce polygamy, or the superiority of his priestly character to the civil power—but is a firm supporter of the principle of the Kansas-Kentucky bill, which allows the people of every community to manage their own affairs in their own way. He will probably be one of the first Senators from Utah, and when he arrives in Washington, will undoubtedly create a commotion by the numbers and splendor of his domestic retinue.

HINDMAN DISCIPLINING HIS SAVAGES.—The Arkansas Gen. HINDMAN, who was so badly whipped at Prairie Grove a fortnight ago, issued an order to his men just previous to the battle, giving them some general directions concerning their conduct. It contains, among several bad suggestions, the following good one:

"Don't break ranks to plunder. Plunderers and stragglers will be put to death on the spot."

Probably HINDMAN commands the wildest set of semi-savages this side of Tartary. And not only wild, but extravagantly independent;—accustomed to "taking care of themselves," to fighting bears and each other, to plunder and jayhawking, and all the fierce vices of South-western frontier life. In brief, and it is enough, they are mostly Arkansas and Texas "gentlemen," with a good sprinkling of half-breeds. And yet to an army of ten or fifteen thousand men composed of such material, and campaigning on the very outskirts of civilization, he issues an order which makes the penalty of plundering and straggling to be death on the spot, and appoints persons to carry the order into execution.

This is certainly a lesson in military discipline which might well be given heed to by the officers of our army in Virginia. We were sorry to hear of scenes of plunder which took place in Fredericksburgh the day before the battle, which were disgraceful, and the stories we hear of the amount of straggling whenever our army is on the march are almost incredible. The misfortune in our case is that while HINDMAN orders his "file closers and the cavalry in the rear" to enforce this article of military law, there is no officer or court of officers of any grade in our entire army which has power to carry out the requirements of discipline in this respect.

THE INDIAN EXECUTIONS TO-DAY.—The thirty-nine Sioux Indian murderers who, out of the 500 condemned to death were ordered to be executed by the President, will be hung at 10 o'clock this morning, at Mankato, Minnesota. They were originally to suffer death on Friday last, but were reprieved by the President for one week; but there is no doubt that their sentence will be carried into effect to-day. Beside these thirty-nine, the other 260 condemned Indian murderers are in prison at Mankato, and there is great fear that the large number of infuriated white settlers, who will assemble to witness the execution, may make an effort to get at these savages, and suspend them from the same gallows as served the others. The Colonel commanding the post, under whose supervision the executions are to take place, has issued an order upon the subject, invoking the aid of all good citizens to maintain the law on the occasion; and enjoining that the "State of Minnesota must not, in addition to the terrible wrongs and outrages inflicted upon her by the murderous savages, suffer more fatally in reputation at the hands of misguided citizens."

It is earnestly to be hoped there may be no such thing as a mob-massacre of these wretched savages—even though such a course was predicted and justified by Senator WILKINSON and several of his Congressional colleagues, in the protest against clemency to any one of the Sioux which these gentlemen recently sent to the President.

Weather Reports.—Dec. 25.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 25.—At 8 A. M., thermometer 40°. Wind southwest, fresh—cloudy.
BOSTON, N. Y.—At 7 A. M., thermometer, 16°. barometer, 29.55. Wind southeast by east—cloudy.
PORTLAND, Me.—At 10 A. M., thermometer, 29°. wind north—cloudy.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—At 9 A. M., thermometer, 34°. wind southwest—cloudy.
BIRMINGHAM, N. Y.—At 8 A. M., thermometer, 47°. barometer, 29.63. Wind south—mild, raining.
CINCINNATI, Ohio.—At 9 A. M., thermometer, 50°. cloudy.
FORTRESS MONROE, Va.—At 8 A. M., thermometer, 45°. barometer, 30.75. Wind north—breezy.
HARTFORD, N. H.—At 9 A. M., thermometer, 14°. wind north—breezy.
BOSTON, Mass.—At 9 A. M., thermometer, 40°. wind southwest—cloudy.
SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—At 9 A. M., thermometer, 42°. wind southwest—cloudy.
NEW-YORK.—At 9 A. M., thermometer, 40°. wind southwest—cloudy.
PHILADELPHIA.—At 9 A. M., thermometer, 45°. wind southwest—cloudy.
FORTRESS MONROE.—At 6 P. M., thermometer, 56°. barometer, 30.20. Wind south—weather fair.

—Hon. Robert Dale Owen is in Indianapolis settling his accounts with the State Government for the purchase of arms.

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THE McDOWELL COURT OF INQUIRY.

Continued Cross-Examination of Gen. Sigel by Gen. McDowell.

The Value of Sigel's Criticisms as McDowell Shown Up.

FACTS, VS. SPECULATION.

Warrenton, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1862.

To-day, at the twenty-ninth session of the McDowell Court of Inquiry, the cross-examination of Gen. Sigel by Gen. McDowell was continued.

Question.—Did the order you referred to in your last answer of yesterday require you to march to Warrenton?

Answer.—As much as I remember it was said in the order either that I should march to Warrenton or in the neighborhood of Warrenton. I understood it was Warrenton, or the place in the neighborhood of Warrenton where troops could be encamped.

Q.—With reference to the connection between the First Corps and the Third Corps and the support you say Gen. McDowell was to give you at Waterloo Bridge, have you not stated in your official report that in accordance with an order of Gen. Pope, Gen. Milroy should have been relieved in the morning by a brigade of Gen. McDowell? If so, state what order of Gen. Pope's was that required Gen. McDowell to send a brigade to Waterloo and to Sulphur Springs.

A.—There were different orders given to me in regard to the movements of my army or of my corps at that time. One order directed me to march to Waterloo Bridge.

Gen. McDowell remarked that the witness was not answering the question.

Gen. Sigel then said since he had written his report he had not read it; that he had no paper to refresh his memory; that he had to be careful not to give evidence conflicting with his report, as he had to rely entirely on his memory.

Gen. Caldwell, on behalf of the Court, suggested that it was unnecessary to be groping for facts which could be proven by the documents.

Gen. McDowell said that the Court could send for a verified copy of Gen. Sigel's report.

Gen. Sigel was willing to answer without the report. He had not been able to find it.

The Recorder, thereupon, at the request of the Court, sent for a copy of Gen. Sigel's report to Gen. Pope.

Gen. Martindale remarked that the line of inquiry seemed to be diverging from a legitimate cross-examination.

Gen. McDowell said the cross-examination was based upon evidence which had been given in the direct examination, and that the witness had raised the question if it were considered improper. His intention was to continue the cross-examination to matters elicited on the direct examination.

Gen. Sigel then said that he did not seem to see that there was a difference between his report and his evidence, he should prefer that this question should be put to him.

Some further informal discussion arose between the Court and Gen. McDowell, as to whether the line of inquiry was proper.

Gen. McDowell remarked that he was not on trial, and that if the rules of evidence applicable to criminal prosecutions were to operate, it would impede the investigation and discovery of the truth.

Gen. Martindale, while not objecting to the question, desired simply to know the bearing of the question.

The whole discussion was informal, and did not go upon the record. Gen. Sigel's report arrived meanwhile, and was perused by him, after which the question was repeated as above.

A.—I have made that statement. The order directed me to march to Waterloo Bridge. The next order was the order of Gen. Pope. I do not know exactly at what time I received this order, but it was a general order, and I received it at the same time as the order to march to Waterloo Bridge.

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THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

GEN. HOOKER'S COMMAND.

Rebel Cavalry Across the Rappahannock—Danger of an Attack on Our Right, &c.

A report circulated two or three days ago, to the effect that the rebels had crossed 30,000 infantry over the Upper Rappahannock, and were to have been greatly exaggerated. Gen. Averell, who came in from that direction to-day, brings the intelligence that the rebel cavalry, General Hampton, with one brigade of horsemen, crossed Kelly's Ford on the day of the battle of Fredericksburg, and was scouring the country on our right bank until last Sunday, at which time Gen. Averell started in pursuit. It had been known to Gen. Averell that Hampton was on the north side of the river some time before he started on his expedition; but, as the rebels were operating wholly upon Sumner's front, it was considered the duty of the cavalry to remain there, and not to march to Kelly's Ford. Hampton did not receive marching orders until Sunday afternoon. At 2 P. M. he left camp with 1,000 cavalry, selected from the different regiments of his brigade. Arriving at Hazelwood, the force proceeded to Elkton, which place they reached at 6 P. M. At 1 o'clock the same afternoon, the rebels, under Hampton, left the town, taking the direction of the Rappahannock River, which it is supposed they crossed at Kelly's Ford.

It will be observed that the rebels remained on our right some days, having in the meantime visited Dumfries, where they discovered and captured a number of sutlers' wagons, also some stores belonging to Stroz, the particulars of which affair have already been made public. From Elkton Gen. Averell sent out his force in different directions, a portion proceeding to Dumfries and another portion going toward the Rappahannock. These parties actually discovered traces of the enemy, and failed to meet him or come up with him at any point. Scouts were thrown out toward Catlett's Station and Warrenton Junction. The enemy had been at those points the day previous, but did no damage to the railroad.

Gen. Averell and his force returned to camp this morning. The result of the expedition reveals the fact that our right wing is insecurely guarded, and unless more precaution is taken, something serious may possibly happen. It is stated that two of Gen. Averell's scouts passed through unchallenged the line of Gen. Sigel's videttes.

Kelly's Ford is guarded by the rebels with two pieces of artillery and two regiments of infantry.

It is expected that the rebels will soon make a demonstration on our right. For the past two days there has been considerable commotion along their lines, and a general yet quiet movement tending up the river.

Gen. Brantner returned from Washington to-day. There is nothing definite in regard to future movements of the army.

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FROM THE ELEVENTH ARMY CORPS.

Position of the Rebel Army—Lee at Culpepper—Jackson at Warrenton—Walker and Early at Brentsville—The Recent Capture of an Army Train—A "Cute" Affair—Reconnoissances—The Habits of Soldiers of Duty.

STAFFORD COURT-NECK, Monday, Dec. 22, 1862.

The future movements of this corps are still in a state of profound uncertainty. In fact, more is actually known of the rebel force than seems to be known of our own by any one individual in this army. The bulk of Lee's command, it is believed, has fallen back from the earthworks in front of Fredericksburg, and now occupies a line, the left of which extends to Culpepper. Jackson's headquarters are said to be at Warrenton, with outposts or small detachments scattered along to the vicinity of Bull Run, and guarding the Orange and Alexandria Railroad up to near Manassas Junction. Capt. Corbin, of the Ninth New-York Cavalry, left last Thursday night to reconnoitre in the vicinity of Brentsville, and returned to-day. He ascertained that the rebel Generals, Walker and Early, with at least two brigades, occupy Brentsville. Their pickets are drawn out 2½ miles east on the road to Dumfries. Union troops occupy the latter place, but unless the commander is sharper than some of the officers in this service, it is very liable to be gobbled up by the rebel cavalry at any moment. More than a mile of the line was taken last Thursday at Occoquan Creek, when a squad of Strasser's Cavalry captured twenty-six new army wagons, fully loaded, and three sutlers' wagons. That feat was quite enough to be creditable to any genius of the staff. Strasser crossed the Rappahannock at Ellis' Ford, and took almost a direct route, it is supposed, on a cross-road, toward Dumfries. At an out-of-the-way place, 12 or 15 miles from the village, he halted and sent forward a small squad of blue-coated soldiers to scout on the road between Dumfries and the village of Occoquan. At the latter place they espied the train, and resolved to capture it by diplomacy rather than the exercise of force; for the most excellent reason that their party was quite small, while, on the other hand, there were about 1,500 Union troops, including Rebel Lancers, within sight. So the leader of the rebel reconnoitering party rode up to the officer in charge of the train, and said he had been sent to conduct it to camp, and directed the train to follow him. The order was obeyed, and, from directly under the noses of our troops, the train was led in a southerly direction, until the Brentsville and Dumfries road was reached. Here the commander of the train made the discovery that something was wrong, when the rebel Lieutenant directed him to cross the main road, and take a cross-road to the left, still pursuing a southerly direction. An objection was made; he doubted the propriety of continuing in that direction, whereupon the rebel officer put a period to all cavilling, by saying: "Sir, Gen. Strasser desires you to go that way." The hint was sufficient, and the train, master and guard moved on in the direction indicated. This is the story told by an officer of the party, and who was quite indignant at the deception practiced. No such movement, it is true, can be found in any book of military tactics, nor does any writer upon military law, as far as my knowledge extends, say anything about such a movement. How then could unsuspecting and unoppressed Union officers be expected to guard against it? The rebels are constantly executing similar movements, disguising a few and mortifying every Union soldier. Almost everywhere, in fact, the rebels circumvent or outwit us by the exercise of minor strategy. Of the greater strategy exercised by Lee, when the two armies meet in force, every officer is capable of judging for himself. The rebels will continue to gain these small advantages, until there is an improvement in the discipline of the officers of the army—until every officer is held to a strict account for sins of omission as well as commission. The rank and file are well enough.

Less than two weeks ago, a train of wagons was lost, and a number of soldiers were captured, through the blundering stupidity of a commander of cavalry, who went to a road some forty miles long to reach a place only thirteen miles distant from the point of starting, when, at the same time, there were hundreds of men in the command who, if they had been asked, could have guided it on the right road. No notice whatever has been taken of this matter, and the same blunder is liable to be repeated. The rebels are in command, and it is a disgrace that the army should be so easily outwitted. The weather has been dry, cool and bracing for several days, and the army is in good condition. The health and discipline of the troops are improving rapidly. The Pennsylvania dragoon regiments are very cheerful, and they are a remarkable body of men. They do not act as if they were tired, but as if they were fresh.

That "Paymaster" has not been caught yet.

west of this. He was absent twenty-four hours, but saw no armed rebels.

It is natural for men, when not actively engaged in their profession or calling, to be concealing themselves, and to be the more so, when they are engaged in their professions of the peculiar kind. An army at rest, like this, is nothing less than a horde of scoundrels, and it matters but little who the victim may be.

The rules and regulations of the army are set at naught, and defiance is bid to orders. And yet an army, composed as this in great part of intelligent men—men who read and do more or less thinking—does not become seriously demoralized—strange as the anomaly may appear—when called upon for the real duties pertaining to the life of a soldier. They are prompt and obedient to a remarkable degree. Regulations and orders before obsolete are recognized to be in full force. The American soldier has an abundance of duty peculiar to himself. There is an unrepented order, I believe, making the tampering with the war telegraph punishable by death. At or near the mouth of Aquia Creek, a few days ago, some of the soldiers encamped in the vicinity wanted pot-bocks with which to hang their cooking-kettles along the fire. The telegraph wire was stretched along the vicinity, it was convenient and just what they wanted, so they cut it out, and just as they were about to do so, a general order came out, and they were told to stop. This, of course, cut off all communication with Washington for a while, and caused some excitement, because it was at first supposed to be the work of marauding rebel soldiers. Another affair occurred yesterday, to illustrate the same peculiarity of the soldier of duty. A private of the Ninth New-York Cavalry, by the way, one of the best disciplined regiments in the service—looked it into his head to leave camp alone on a foraging tour. Several miles from camp he came across a party of twenty men from some infantry regiment, accompanied by two lieutenants, all on the same unauthorized business. There were chickens in sight. The operations of the infantrymen would necessarily interfere with the troopers, so he exercised a little minor strategy, by giving out that he was not patrolling for just such chaps. He ordered the men to fall in, and directed the officers to march them to the Postmaster's Marsh, which they did, but there was no one there to receive them. The troopers, seizing a favorable opportunity, had dodged the rebels, the chickens, and brought them in triumph into camp. By stating these facts, I do not intend to be understood as insinuating the morality of the acts themselves, but merely to give the reader an idea of what a citizen soldier is when away from home.

A melancholy affair occurred a few days ago, which demands, as it doubtless will receive, a thorough investigation. It seems that two men from Gen. Semmes' Division went out to a farm-house for the purpose of obtaining corn, and while there the soldiers shot and killed the farmer. The story of the soldiers is that they asked the farmer to sell them corn, when he ordered them off, and attempted to kill one of the party with an ax, and did inflict a severe wound upon one. They went away and returned again, when the farmer fired upon them. The soldiers then fired and killed him.

Campaigning with Gen. Pope—The Story of an English Correspondent.

Under the above title an interesting article appears in the December number of the London Cornhill Magazine, from the pen of a "special correspondent," who, in August last, joined the army of Gen. Pope, then concentrating in the Piedmont region of Virginia, and in the County of Fauquier. On the morning of his arrival in Washington he waited upon the Chief of the Staff, at the city quarters of the General, whom he thus describes:

"Tall, corpulent, and athletic, with keen dark eyes, and beard and hair black as midnight, Gen. Pope was a man of a commanding presence, and of a most impressive manner. He was dressed in a military uniform, and wore a sword at his side. He was a man of a most impressive manner, and of a most impressive manner."

The writer returned to New-York "full of incident," to write of what he had seen; and went back on the eve of the second battle of Bull Run, to witness new and more terrible slaughters. Fever there seized him, and he once more returned to New-York, and weary of war's horrors, renounced the career in which he had gathered such fearful experiences.

THE WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST.

Communication with Gen. Grant Cut Off—The Road from Memphis to Grenada Should be Flushed.

Correspondence of the Chicago Times.

CAIRO, Saturday, Dec. 20.

Your readers would be astonished with the announcement that the rebels had made their appearance at Jackson, and that they were about to lay our rear and temporarily cut off the communication with the army of Gen. Grant. Such is the fact, and it should not have surprised us. It is, however, a matter of some importance, and one which demands our attention. The rebels have been successful in cutting off the communication with the army of Gen. Grant, and this is a matter of some importance, and one which demands our attention.

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the base of Cedar Mountain, on which, from the roof of a white house, the Southern flag waved, while a battery frowned half-way up the ascent, and on the summit was a signal station. The troops of Banks and Sigel, "the idol of the German Americans, who boast that he never lost a battle," were in motion at night, and poured through Culpepper next morning, wild with ardor and enthusiasm.

At 2 o'clock the first gun. Every heart leaped. Horses reared up their ears and vigorously neighed. Pale women sat at windows, waiting for the next shot. Regiments broke into double quick, as if fearful that they would be too late for the fray. It was a grand sight, to see the battle of Cedar Mountain, I do not pretend. The affair opened by sharp skirmishing. Banks' family advanced a brigade to clear a wood which skirmishers were concealing; the effort was resisted, and at 4 o'clock 10,000 men on each side were engaged. The Confederate batteries, 400 feet high on the bluffs, threw shells with fearful accuracy, and the Federals made three desperate efforts to take them with the beyond. Profiting by their repulse and confusion, the enemy moved forward through thick woods, and from edge of timber poured a deadly volley of musket balls. It was a most desperate contest, but the Federals had ground, and 1,200 of their dead and wounded were in the hands of the enemy. The Confederates, on the other hand, were not so lucky. They were repulsed, and they charged McDowell with their loss, having failed to bring up his strong rearguard. Banks himself had been ubiquitous, and at length, towards the close of the day, he had ridden over him. Calm, indomitable, courageous, the best of the political Generals removed and rode latter and cheering his men, though bruised and bleeding himself.

The carnage was not yet over. The fires, impudently lighted by some of our men, drew upon them at night, the well-directed fire of a battery moved to the brow of a hill only half a mile distant, and a stampede took place to Culpepper. The writer gives a terrible account of the scene witnessed among the wounded and dead, in the village and on the battle-field, where, at noon next day, a parley was held, and a cessation of hostilities agreed upon, to allow a burial of the dead. The writer thus describes the interview:

On a fallen gunner—the slain stretched around them at the officers of the parley; upon one side the Confederate Cavalry, and on the other the Federal Cavalry. The officers of the parley were, on the Confederate side, Generals Hartsuff and Roberts. On the Federal side, Generals Sigel and Reynolds. The officers of the parley were, on the Confederate side, Generals Hartsuff and Roberts. On the Federal side, Generals Sigel and Reynolds.

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NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, DEC. 27, 1862.

Amusements this Evening.

WINTER GARDEN—THE LARKS OF KILLARNEY—THE MAGIC JOKE—THE HAPPY MAN.
 LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—BLONDETTE: OR, THE NAUGHTY PRINCE AND PARTLY PRINCESS.
 WALLACE'S—THE INVISIBLE HUSBAND.
 NIBLO'S GARDEN—FAUST AND MARGUERITE.
 BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC—MERCANTILE OF VENICE—PASTORAL.
 BARNUM'S MUSEUM—COLLIER BARN: OR, THE BRIDES OF GARIBOLDI, EVERY BODY DRESSING: OR, FORMING BEARS, GIRLS, &c., AT ALL HOURS.
 GERMAN OPERA HOUSE—LA NOZZA DI FIGARO, (FIGARO'S WEDDING).
 GOWRIE'S GALLERY—CHURCH'S NIAGARA.
 BROADWAY MENAGERIE—COMPLETE SCHOOL OF NATURAL HISTORY.
 PALACE OF MUSIC HALL—LUCRETIA BORGHI.
 NIBLO'S SALOON—GODWIN'S WILDER'S POLTERGEIST.
 NEW HALL OF ART (No. 462 Broadway)—BARNARD'S PANORAMA OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND THE WAR.
 SEVENTH REGIMENT ARMOY—PROMENADE CONCERTS.
 BROOKLYN ARENA—THE COMBINED CIRCUS AND GYMNASIUM TROUPE.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

From the headquarters of the Army of the Potomac we learn that there is no news worth telegraphing.

Winchester has once more been evacuated by the rebels and occupied by National troops. Col. KINGS moved from Romney and occupied the place on Tuesday morning. The rebel Gen. JONES, with 2,500 men, had occupied the place the week previous, but had gone toward Staunton. The Winchester Railroad has been entirely destroyed and the iron carried away.

The Commissioner appointed by the Government to investigate frauds perpetrated upon the Treasury, in the raising and organizing of regiments in this City, has already discovered frauds to the extent of over \$700,000, and the prospect is that double that sum will be detected before the investigation is concluded. The manner in which the frauds were perpetrated is fully exposed in another column. It displays a depth of villainy and wide-spread corruption, among a people claiming to be patriotic, that is perfectly astounding.

On Dec. 14 Capt. BIRCH, with about one hundred men, succeeded in destroying the rebel salt-petre works at Yellville, Ark. He took Capt. P. S. McNAMARA and twenty-three men prisoners, destroying about thirty stand of arms, five hundred pounds of dried beef, and a complete supply of provisions for the winter for a full company, burning five good buildings, &c., &c., belonging to the works. There was a fine steam engine of eight horse power, ten kettles containing one hundred and twenty gallons each, sixteen containing fifty gallons each, six large tanks, full sets of blacksmiths' and carpenters' and joiners' tools, together with \$6,000 worth of saltpetre. The capacity of the works was such as to employ one hundred hands, turning out four hundred pounds daily, which the Confederate Government valued at forty cents per pound at the Cave. The works cost the rebels \$30,000. They were completely destroyed, by order of Capt. BIRCH—the men wading the sledge hammer with right good will, in breaking the enormous kettles and engine in pieces.

Brig-Gen. A. P. Hovey has issued a congratulatory order to the troops engaged in the recent expedition into the interior of Mississippi. It reads thus: "The General commanding the expedition to Mississippi desires to express to the officers and soldiers under his command, his gratification for the cheerfulness and bravery displayed by them during the expedition. Though exposed, without tents, to cold rains, and compelled to march over heavy roads, they have accomplished one of the most remarkable marches made during the war, penetrating to the very heart of the enemy's country, cutting their roads and safely returning, though hedged in on both sides by greatly superior numbers. This has been done with the alacrity and cheerfulness of true soldiers; and the General commanding takes pride in announcing to you that the object of the expedition has been fully accomplished. Brig-Gen. WASHBURN'S energy and skill deserve particular mention."

Gen. J. G. BLUNT, who assisted in gaining the great victory over the rebels at Fayetteville, Ark., has issued an appeal to the people of Arkansas for clothing and food for the refugee Indians in the vicinity of Fort Scott.

The Lexington (Mo.) Union has commenced the publication of a roll of all persons in that section who have given aid and comfort to the rebels.

The Fort Scott Bulletin (Kansas) notices the presentation of a flag to Company E, First United States Infantry, Capt. R. H. OFFLEY, Capt. OFFLEY is a New Yorker by birth, and was appointed from this State in May, 1857. This is the only instance in which any company in the regular service has received such a testimonial, and is a high tribute to the loyalty of the company receiving it.

GENERAL NEWS.

By the arrival of the steamer *Europa*, we have received from Europe one news item. She left Liverpool on the 13th, and Queenstown on the 14th inst. The English news by this arrival is not important. It was reported that the steamer *Arizona* had been ordered

to leave Halifax and join Admiral MILNE'S squadron at Bermuda. The *Shipping Gazette* informs us that a concentration of Admiral MILNE'S force is to be made with a view to prevent what is termed an "outrage" on British commerce. In Paris, unfavorable rumors were again current regarding the French in Mexico. An urgent call for reinforcements was said to have been made, which would be answered by the device of establishing a reserve at Martinique. Gen. PAIX had made lengthy explanations in the Spanish Cortes regarding affairs in Mexico. Confidential letters were read by him, containing strange details. According to these letters, ALMORAY was authorized by NAPOLEON and the Archduke MAXIMILIAN himself to put the latter forward as a candidate for the throne of Mexico. Gen. PAIX expressed the opinion that the French expedition would not be successful. A slight advance had taken place in the Liverpool Cotton market. Broadheads and Provisions were flat. Consols were quoted at 92½@92½.

Official information has reached Washington that the condition of the French Army of Invasion in Mexico is most critical. It is said to be being thinned by sickness and the want of wholesome food, and it is said that agents have been sent to this country to obtain supplies—the furnishing of which has been protested against by the Mexican Minister. It is understood, however, that Secretary SEWARD declines to interfere.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and held a very brief session. A resolution by Mr. BOOLE, authorizing the Committee on National Affairs to obtain designs for a monument to be erected in the soldiers' burial-ground in Calverton, and report the same to the Board for the purpose, was referred. The resolution to give the Sixty-ninth Regiment, N. Y. S. M., \$10,000, came up for action on the amendment inserted by the Councilmen—that the money be paid to the treasurer of the regimental fund, and not to the comptroller. That Col. MURPHY'S regiment is entitled to it—was referred to the Committee on National Affairs, after a brief discussion. Mr. WALSH claimed that the action of the State military authorities in recognizing Col. MURPHY'S corps as the "Simon Pure Sixty-ninth Regiment" substantiated their right to receive the money. Mr. PAOWAY took a middle course and would have both organizations out, unless the State acknowledged the Sixty-ninth to be at the seat of war, because the money was pledged only to the militia regiments that should reorganize and reenlist in the national army. Adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M. to-day.

The Board of Councilmen met at 4 o'clock P. M. yesterday. A remonstrance against the street-cleaning contractor, was presented by Mr. WEBSTER. It was referred. In reference to the street-cleaning troubles in the Seventeenth Ward, the City Inspector communicated that notices of unpaid claims of workmen had been filed with him and the pursuance of one of the conditions of the contract with HACKLEY, he will withhold the last semi-monthly payment for the year, terminating in February next, till all unpaid claims for labor or materials are paid. The contract is satisfied. The majority and minority reports of the Railway Committee, concerning the Sixth-avenue Railroad, were made the special order for next Monday evening. The Board adjourned on Monday.

The Board of Supervisors held a short session at 3 o'clock P. M. yesterday. The Mayor sent in twenty-one names for confirmation as Marshals—a new class of officers authorized by the last Legislature to take the place of constables in the county—and they were unanimously rejected. *nem. con.* The law says that thirty of these officers must be appointed, but the Mayor said forth that he had only made to his mind favorably upon the number stated above, leaving the Board to infer that he would nominate nine more so soon as he could determine who to select for the positions. The Board adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M. of next Tuesday.

The bark *Kate Stamler*, Capt. FISH, arrived at this port last night, from Pensacola, bringing two hundred and eighty bales of cotton, the cargo of the schr. *Jefferson Davis*, captured Sept. 17 by the United States bark *Wm. Sanderson*. The cotton is in charge of Acting Master S. WITHINGTON, who comes passenger by the *Stamler*. She has also on board one hundred and forty casks of reefered whisky, 7,000 thirty-two pounder shot, and one large rifled gun.

It was rumored in Nashville, on Dec. 20, that the rebel Gen. GKO. B. CRITTENDEN died in Knoxville on the day preceding.

There are indications that some of the oil wells in Canada have "touched bottom." The famous Shaw well, which used to yield from 800 to 1,000 barrels daily, has stopped flowing almost entirely.

The tobacco crop in the vicinity of Hannibal, Mo., is very abundant the present season.

Motion was yesterday made, at a session of the Supreme Court, before Judge BARRETT, to take sides, for irregularity, the requests recently taken in the cases brought against FERNANDO WOOD, to recover for injuries alleged to have been received by the plaintiffs, (municipal policemen,) in the riots of 1837, growing out of the conflict of the two Boards of Police—one of which was under the authority of Mr. WOOD, then Mayor. Certain objections were made by Mr. FISH, who appeared for the plaintiffs, one of which was "that Justice BARRETT had formerly acted in some way as counsel for Mr. WOOD." To determine in respect to preliminary objections, the Court postponed the matter until Tuesday next, and set it down for that day.

The Stock Market was tame through yesterday's business. Prices generally steady. Gold weak at 131½@132 per cent. Exchange 145½@146 per cent. Money easy at 6 per cent.

A fair business was transacted yesterday in Broadheads and Cotton, which advanced slightly, and in Hay, Hops, Cloverseed, and all the other staples. Pork, Bacon, and Lard, were steady. Pork, Whisky, Wool and Tobacco were in moderate request. Groceries, Hemp, Fish, Fruit, Oils, Skins, Metals and Naval Stores were in limited demand. The freight market was quiet.

MILITARY CALUMNIES—GENS. SIGEL AND McDOWELL AGAIN.—It is received as an established rule in military affairs that an officer must obey orders. It would seem to be a natural inference that he should read them. As a general thing, we presume they do; but the proceedings of the Courts-martial now sitting at Washington disclose the fact that this is not always the case.

Among the witnesses examined in the McDowell Court of Inquiry is Gen. SIGEL, who was put under McDowell's command by Gen. PORR, during the celebrated retreat from the Rapidan—for reasons which have not yet been stated, but which may possibly be disclosed before the trial is over. Gen. SIGEL acknowledged that he was prejudiced against Gen. McDowell, partly on account of an impolite remark which the latter was reported to have made to a Staff officer, partly because he did not understand why Gen. McDowell did not go to Gen. McCLELLAN'S aid at Richmond, and partly because he took no steps to prevent the rebels from passing through Thoroughfare Gap. In regard to the latter point Gen. SIGEL testified that Gen. McDowell visited his headquarters on the 27th of August, near Buckland Mills, and discussed the question what force should be left at Thoroughfare Gap. But Gen. SIGEL went to sleep on the sofa while Gen. McDowell was examining the map, asking the latter to "notify him as soon as he should come to an understanding with himself." But Gen. McDowell, he adds, did not tell him his decision on the point, nor did he know anything about the troops to which were assigned the defence of the Gap. Gen. McDowell "did not make any definite proposition on that subject."

The next piece of evidence introduced was

a General Order issued by McDowell the next morning, directing Gen. SIGEL to "march immediately with his whole corps on Manassas Junction, with his right resting on the Manassas Railroad," and assigning to three other divisions their places in the same movement,—which as Gen. SIGEL acknowledged did make provision for the defence of the Gap. But Gen. SIGEL, admitting that he received the order, says he could not have read the whole of it, and that he "must have regarded it as pretty indefinite, all things taken into consideration."

We think it would be well to have it understood distinctly by officers of all grades that orders are to be read through, and also that Generals should not permit themselves to charge each other with neglect of duty, in the face of documents so explicit as this one, without first becoming aware of their contents. Gen. SIGEL has suffered the statement that he attempted to shoot Gen. McDowell, having detected him in attempted treachery on the field, to circulate for months through the country, knowing it to be utterly false, without the slightest attempt to contradict or check it. This extraordinary course finds an explanation, though not a justification by any means, in his acknowledgment of a strong prejudice against Gen. McDowell. But he must give some better reason for that prejudice than he has yet assigned, if he seeks to satisfy the public of the justice or propriety of his course of action. It is natural that Gen. SIGEL should resent being placed under McDowell's orders on the field of battle; but he might indicate that resentment in some way more consistent with honor and self-respect, than that which he seems to have adopted.

The Military Prospect at the Close of the Year.

The aspect of military affairs at the close of the year is not very brilliant, at least on the surface. In its last month, we have suffered our severest repulse, and the old Army of the Potomac, as at this season last year, checked in the advance upon Richmond by a powerful foe in front. Our army operating in the rear of Richmond, too, under Gen. FOSTER, has just made a retrograde movement, which it would be folly to represent as anything but a very serious setback—a setback, too, which is likely to make future operations on the same line much more difficult and hazardous than they were before. Along the line of the seacoast and the Gulf all that can be said is, that nothing now is less cheerful than things were in the Spring. We have gained but little there during the Summer and Fall, and the small operations that have taken place, though they may have annoyed the rebels, have resulted in very little permanent gain to the Union cause. In the Western field, where nearly half our entire army is scattered, the prospect for the opening year is not very cheerful. The army of Gen. ROSSCRANS seems to be utterly paralyzed at Nashville, and its advance into East Tennessee is now checked by the largest army which the rebels have ever had in that State. The army of Gen. GRANT, in Northern Mississippi, is virtually cut off from its base of supplies, and the rebels, as appears from the accounts we now daily publish, are operating with audacity on every side of him. The Mississippi River is still closed against us, and though it is to be hoped that the military and naval expedition now preparing to open it up will be successful, yet it is liable to all the chances and hazards of war.

This glance at the aspect of affairs in the East and West shows a very different state of things from what we had all expected to see at the close of the year. It gives force and point to the remark of that experienced soldier and sagacious military speculator NAPIER, that "it may at all times be taken as a maxim, that the difficulties of war are so innumerable that no head was ever yet strong enough to forecalculate them all."

And yet even in face of the apparently discouraging facts we have narrated, what grounds of encouragement appear! If ROSSCRANS has not yet advanced to Knoxville, he holds firmly with his splendid army the Capital and Bacon, which were steady. Pork, Whisky, Wool and Tobacco were in moderate request. Groceries, Hemp, Fish, Fruit, Oils, Skins, Metals and Naval Stores were in limited demand. The freight market was quiet.

There is nothing to dishearten us in Virginia. Our army is not in Richmond, but a single battle may put it there. The Scottish Chief has fought many unsuccessful battles for the independence of his native land, when he was taught by the spider that success lay in perseverance; and his perseverance resulted in success. The score of great battles we have fought for the possession of the rebel capital, have had their share of victories, and in every one of them, except the first, there has been a steady progress toward success. Could we pierce the veil of the future, we might see that while some are discouraged, they are discouraged just as glorious and final victory was about to burst upon the country.

Our great hope is in the vitality that appears so cheerfully in our main army. Notwithstanding the tremendous work, the unparalleled campaigns, the heroic struggles, which the veteran Army of the Potomac has gone through during the last six months, all accounts

represent it as now possessed of greater elements of vitality, more undiminished courage, more determined and warlike spirit, than at any period since its organization. There is no discouragement there. The gallant men who, on our behalf, have so often met and fought the foes of the Union, feel no doubt of their power to overcome them. They demand now, what they have ever demanded, to be led against them again and again, confident that they will succumb at last. Under such circumstances, the only discouragement is that any man in peaceful life should be at all discouraged.

The Attorney-General on Citizenship.

We have already given by telegraph an abstract of the opinion of Attorney-General BATES on the question submitted by the Treasury Department, whether colored men may be citizens, and thus competent to command American vessels. That opinion, very long and elaborate, is now published in full. The subject is analyzed with great keenness and thoroughness, and the conclusion that color is not a bar to citizenship, under the Constitution, seems to be irrefragably established. The Attorney-General elucidates with great success that citizenship does not necessarily involve a legal capacity to hold office or cast votes; that it simply means such a membership of the body politic that there is a reciprocal obligation of allegiance on the one side and protection on the other. The Constitution, in using the term "natural born citizen," uses no affirmative language to make them such, but only recognizes and reaffirms the universal principle common to all nations, that the people born in the country constitute the nation, and that every individual of them is *prima facie* a citizen. The Constitution, in not excluding the free man of color from the pale of citizenship, must by implication, the Attorney-General holds, comprise him, and entitle him to protection, in return for allegiance. While yet, without positive statute law in his favor, he can no more vote or be eligible to office than women and children, who, in the view of constitutional law, are also citizens, if born in the country.

So far as regards the mere decision that a free colored man may be a citizen of the United States, it is of little practical account either to black men or anybody else—for the advantages it gives them are very few, and such as one in ten thousand of them will never think of using. It enables them to command American vessels, to sue in the National courts, to receive passports when traveling abroad—and that is pretty much all. The colored man's right of voting, of holding office, and all the higher civil privileges, must still, as ever, be determined exclusively by State regulations.

Yet we confess we feel a certain satisfaction in seeing the last blow dealt at that worst of judicial enormities—the Dred Scott decision. The majority of the Court in that case, in a most remarkable manner, traveled out of their way to set up and consolidate the extreme pretensions of Mr. CALHOUN for the future acceptance and direction of the country. They brought out their conclusions almost entirely from extra-judicial material—ignoring many most important cases decided by their predecessors, bearing directly upon this or that point. They seemed precisely as if they had absolutely thrown away all their old authorities and adopted the complete edition of Mr. CALHOUN'S works as their *vide mecum*—their pocket manual—their constitutional law-made-easy in twenty-four lessons. Not content with sustaining the plea in abatement on the face of the record, which was in itself decisive, they must needs improve the occasion by undertaking to settle other matters. They, therefore, volunteered labored opinions, first, that the Missouri Compromise was unconstitutional; second, that all Territories were open to Slavery; and third, that none but white men could ever be citizens. It is true, that not every member of the majority committed himself distinctly to these positions, but the Chief Justice did, and his *dicta* were suffered to go forth as the solemn adjudication of the Court. How vain this effort! This demonstration against the Missouri Compromise was designed to give Kansas to Slavery, and yet within a year that State was admitted into the Union with a constitution forever interdicting Slavery. The edict—for it amounted to nothing less than that—that all the Territories should be open to Slavery, finds its answer in the late act of Congress, precluding Slavery from every foot of territorial soil. And the dictum that no man with a drop of African blood in his veins should enjoy the protection that belongs to American citizenship, coupled as it was with the memorable libel upon our fathers, that it was their doctrine that "black men had no rights which white men are bound to respect," now gets its quietus in the conclusive exposition of the Attorney-General, that the National Constitution makes no distinction on the subject.

It was the height of folly for the Supreme Court majority to undertake to settle political questions in this way. All American history has proved that Judge-made law, in questions of political bearing, never obtains the force of settled authority. Even when such questions have come legitimately before the Court, and a decision upon it was a matter of necessity, as in the matter of the constitutionality of the United States Bank, the judicial decision has seldom proved final, except for the individual case in hand. Congress and political parties have usually continued to debate them with just as much freedom as before. If this has been the result of decisions legitimately rendered by the Court even in its palmy days, when Chief Justice MARSHALL presided, what folly was it for Chief-Justice TANEY and his associates to imagine that they could settle political questions by dragging them into Court without any real occasion whatever. It was in all respects an irrational and most unfortunate attempt,—unfortunate for the reputation and authority of

the Court; unfortunate for the harmonious relation of the Free and Slave States; and unfortunate for the position of the country before the civilized world. The experiment will stand in the jurisprudence of the Republic only as a lasting warning.

Detected Frauds.

An agent of the War Department, Mr. O. S. Olcott, has been secretly but busily engaged in this City, since the 1st of November, in the investigation of alleged frauds upon the Government in the enlistment, organization and subsistence of Volunteers. During the progress of these investigations, it was thought advisable to arrest certain individuals who were brokers in claims against the Government, and whose complicity in the frauds seemed too surely established. A cry of indignation arose from certain quarters when these arrests were announced. The Administration was execrated by all the organs of disloyalty for its tyranny in seizing men without charges preferred, and holding them in custody without trial.

But yet, from the very nature of the offences committed, and the necessity of secrecy in the investigations progressing, it was impossible to give to the public the reasons for the arrests. The frauds were found to be vast, of long continuance, and deeply ramified through the community, involving hundreds of persons, officers, agents and employees of the City, State and National Governments. If the reasons of one arrest were given, it would alarm the whole gang of confederate plunderers, and defeat the ends of justice. Yesterday, Mr. Olcott had got his investigations in such a state of completeness, that he felt justified in furnishing to the City Press an outline of their results, for which we refer the reader to other columns in to-day's Times.

It is truly a sickening development that is made. It appears that not less than one thousand persons are implicated in an organized system of fraud that has been for more than one year in operation in this City. The total amount out of which the Government is already known to have been swindled is not less than \$700,000. It will in the end, no doubt, be found to exceed even this sum. The particular modes of swindling pursued are set forth with sufficient clearness and minuteness in the columns devoted to the subject. When the matter is fully seen, it will be wondered that so moderate a limit to the losses has been fixed.

It is to be hoped that the agent of the War Department has made sure of his facts and of the offenders, so that retributive justice may not be balked of its dues. The crime of which the parties are guilty is sufficient in a civil tribunal to send each one to the State's Prison. But the discipline of military law should furnish a prompter and severer punishment. It is too bad to think that while the great masses of the people have with patriotic and generous ardor opened their hearts and their purses freely to the Government, and offered everything on the altar of their country, there have been men so heartless and dishonest as to make this burst of patriotic passion the occasion of a perfect carnival of thieving and villainy. And it must always stand to the credit of the Administration that amid the oppressive and harassing cares of office, it has been so ready and so energetic in the investigation of frauds of its pretended friends. Let it quickly and adequately punish, and its vindication will be complete.

Our Foreign Commerce and the War.

The report of the British Board of Trade for the ten months ending Oct. 31, has just been completed, and shows the fallacious character of the predictions so confidently made on both sides of the Atlantic that our war-tariff would annihilate the trade between this country and England. This fiscal measure, according to the leading London journal, was destined to render the commerce of the United Kingdom with the "Northern Americans" of less consequence than that with the cannibal islands of the Southern Ocean. At present, so far as Great Britain is concerned, it is only too evident that the changes we have found necessary in our customs duties have given her no just ground of complaint. The British trade with our Northern ports has not fallen off. On the contrary, it has in several important points received considerable increase. Indeed, English commerce seems, on the whole, to have been a gainer, rather than a loser, from the war. For if in one direction her cotton manufactures have suffered, her shipping and general maritime interests have reaped a compensating advantage in another.

Of the thriving condition of our international traffic we find evidence in the fact that the merchandise shipped to the North from England amounted, during the three first quarters of 1861, to \$7,002,841. This year the amount is \$10,468,279. These figures show that we have expended in the purchase of British goods over seventeen millions of dollars more than under the lower tariff of 1861.

Moreover, a natural result of this and other well known causes has been that England has received from us a large amount of specie. During the first ten months of the year 1861 England received from the United States \$50,000. This year the amount is no less than \$8,112,806, nearly all of which was in gold. The specie exports to this country were only \$36,754, against \$7,274,454 in 1861. This state of things during the protracted drain of bullion from England to the East and to France cannot fail to have rendered opportune aid to important interests, while it has caused in this country a pressure which might have proved embarrassing and serious if gold were not one of our largest domestic products.

Turning to the other side of this international balance-sheet, we find that England received from our Northern ports produce amounting in 1861 to \$16,345,007, while this year the amount was \$17,182,305, giving an increase of more than five millions of dollars. While Great Britain has thus been extend-

ing her commerce with the North, the trade with the Southern ports has, of course, been almost annihilated by the blockade. Thus, the value of the goods shipped from British ports directly to the South have fallen from £230,404 in 1861 to £41,831 in 1862. What amount of indirect trade may have been carried on through neutral ports and by running the blockade, we cannot, of course, ascertain. The imports to England from the South have diminished from £26,680,216 in 1861, to £678,194 in 1862.

As to the extent of the injury inflicted by the war on our merchant vessels, we think it has been, to some extent, exaggerated. Still there is no inconsiderable amount of depression. For we find that the vessels which entered English ports from this country, formed, in the first ten months of 1861, an aggregate of 1,784,800 tons, and in the same period of 1862, an aggregate of 1,317,718 tons. The shipping which left England for American ports, amounted, in 1861, to 1,162,276 tons against 1,044,327 tons in 1862. The nationality of these vessels is not distinguished. But that a smaller proportion than usual sailed under the American flag is very evident from the fact, elsewhere stated in the report, that the amount of our shipping which entered British ports from all parts of the world, was in 1861, 1,454,444 tons, and in 1862, no more than 996,280 tons. The amount of our shipping which sailed from English ports, in 1861, was 1,209,588 tons, and in 1862, it had fallen off to 877,030 tons.

This temporary injury to our shipowners has attracted considerable attention. Although the mischief has in part been caused by interested rumors, artfully circulated by means of hostile newspapers, a similar evil is perhaps inevitable in a war carried on by a nation possessing few ocean-war steamers, in proportion to the number of its merchant vessels. While, however, we are sure that on the return of peace the enterprise and preëminent superiority of our mariners and merchants will soon more than recover all that has been lost, we cannot but regard it as a National misfortune that the energy of our Navy Department has not been equal to the task of preventing solitary half-armed privateers, like the *Sumter* or the *Alabama*, from driving our ships from the ocean, and inflicting an unavenged and vital injury on the commerce of one of the most powerful maritime countries in the world.

GEN. McCLELLAN'S REPORTS.—The *Evening Post* calls upon the War Department to publish the reports of Gen. McCLELLAN, containing the details of his campaign on the Peninsula. We have repeatedly done the same thing. But the War Department will find it very difficult to comply with this demand, reasonable as it would otherwise be, because there are no such reports in existence. The Albany *Atlas* & *Argus*, we are aware, some months ago asserted, in the most explicit terms, that Gen. McCLELLAN had made full and detailed reports of the movements of his army, and of the several battles in which they had been engaged;—and it further charged that these reports had been suppressed by the War Department for the purpose of injuring Gen. McCLELLAN, and depriving him of the credit which was his due.

In spite of these very distinct and positive averments, we see no reason to believe them true. In reply to a recent application from one of the Courts-martial at Washington, the Adjutant-General stated that no reports from Gen. McCLELLAN were to be found in the Departments, except the preliminary reports received by telegraph, and which have already been given to the public. This, it seems to us, sets the whole question at rest. Indeed, we have seen it stated, on what ought to be good authority, that Gen. McCLELLAN has employed himself mainly, since he was relieved from the command of the Army of the Potomac, in preparing full reports of his campaigns. If this is so, we may expect in due time to see them published.

FRENCH INTERVENTION.—Some of our neighbors are working themselves into what seems to us a needless panic, over the anticipated declarations and movements of the Emperor NAPOLEON. They remember that on New-Year's Day, 1859, at the diplomatic reception, he gave the Austrian Minister an intimation of the impending war. They are quite certain, therefore, that on next New-Year's he will give Mr. DATTON to understand that he intends to intervene in our affairs.

The Emperor is entitled, in our judgment, to credit for more originality than this apprehension ascribes to him. He is not likely thus to repeat himself. His remark to the Austrian Minister was a happy bit, because it was an unusual way of announcing his purpose to the world. But it would not be so good a second time, and for that very reason it is not likely to be employed.

We do not believe that the Emperor intends any intervention in our affairs—none certainly in the least inconsistent with the most cordial relations of friendship. He may possibly volunteer some advice, which we trust will be received with all the deference it may deserve. But beyond this he will not go. And for even this, if he decides upon it, he will seek some other mode and occasion than that furnished by the diplomatic reception on New-Year's day.

Amusements.

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THE "290" AGAIN.

The Steamship Ariel Captured by the Alabama.

She is Released Under Bonds, After Three Days' Detention.

The Arms and Ammunition on Board Taken.

A Detachment of One Hundred and Twenty Marines Paroled.

Wells, Fargo & Co. Robbed of \$8,000.

The Capture Made Near the East End of Cuba.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Dec. 27.

By the arrival at this port to-day of the steamship *Constitution*, from Panama, we have highly important and exciting news.

The *Constitution* reports that the steamship *Ariel*, from New-York for Aspinwall, was captured on the 7th instant by the pirate *Alabama*.

The *Alabama* detained the *Ariel* until the 10th instant, when she allowed her to proceed toward Aspinwall, upon her giving bonds in the sum of two hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars as a ransom.

The arms and ammunition on board the *Ariel* were taken from her, and one hundred and twenty marines, who were on board, were paroled.

Much anxiety is felt here, lest the *Alabama* should recapture the *Ariel* on her return trip to New-York, and seize the large amount of treasure which she will carry.

The passengers on board the *Ariel* spoke in the highest terms of the courtesy shown them by Capt. SEMMES.

The *Ariel* was captured near the east end of Cuba.

The only plunder, with the exception of the arms and ammunition, that the *Alabama* secured, was eight thousand dollars in "greenbacks" belonging to Messrs. WELLS, FARGO & CO.

The *Alabama* last sailed at Martinique. When leaving that port the United States steamer *San Jacinto* aimed her guns at her, when, simultaneously the guns of the Port were trained on the *San Jacinto*. This is the statement of the First Lieutenant of Capt. SEMMES.

The *Alabama* claims a speed, under twenty-five pounds of steam, of sixteen knots an hour. She overtook the *Ariel* with only eleven pounds of steam, and fired two guns at her, when she drove to.

A LATER DISPATCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Dec. 27—P. M.

Capt. SEMMES first intended to destroy the *Ariel*, by burning her, first putting the passengers ashore in little settlement huts at San Domingo.

Capt. JONES, of the *Ariel*, protested that half of his passengers would die if this were done.

Captain SEMMES then proposed to land the passengers at Kingston; but after much parleying, an arrangement was effected to release the *Ariel*, on Captain JONES giving bonds in the sum of two hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars, payable in thirty days after the acknowledgment of the Southern Confederacy.

ARRIVAL OF THE ARIEL.

Full Particulars of Her Capture by the Alabama.

SEMMES Determines to Burn Her, but Changes His Mind.

The Ariel's Treasure Left at Aspinwall.

The *Ariel*, from Aspinwall, A. G. Jones commanding, with the mails and passengers from California, arrived last night. The *Ariel* sailed from Aspinwall on the 16th instant, at 11 A. M., touched at Key West on the 22d, sailed again next day at 6 A. M., and arrived here at 11 P. M.

The *Ariel* was captured on her outward passage by the rebel steamer *Alabama*, under the following circumstances: On the 7th inst., at 1:30 P. M., when rounding Cape May, the eastern point of Cuba, we saw a vessel about four miles to the westward, close under the high land of Cuba, bark-rigged, and under canvas. As there was nothing in her appearance indicating her to be a steamer, her smoke-pipe being down, no suspicions were aroused, till in a short time we saw her hull furled her sails, raised her smoke-stack, and was rapidly nearing us under steam, the American flag flying at her peak. Such was her speed, in comparison to ours, that in half an hour she had come up within half a mile of us, when she fired a gun, hoisted down the American ensign and ran up the rebel flag. No

attention was paid to the summons, and the *Ariel* was pushed to her utmost speed.

She then sailed across our wake, took a position on our port quarter, about 400 yards distant, and fired two guns almost simultaneously, one shot passing over the hurricane deck, between the walking-beam and smoke-stack, and the other hitting the forecast, and cutting it half away.

A body of United States Marines, consisting of 126 men, passengers on board the *Ariel*, had been drawn up and armed; but the officers in command deemed it worse than folly to resist, as we could plainly see they were training a full broadside to bear upon us, and Capt. JONES gave orders to stop the ship and haul down the ensign.

A boat then plied off to us, and the boarding officer, on coming aboard at once assured the passengers, that none should be molested, and that all baggage and private property should be respected. He then demanded the keys to the special-locker, together with all the ship's papers and letters, and informed the Captain he was in readiness to go on board the *Alabama* with him, where he was detained as a hostage until the next day.

The money in the ship, amounting to \$5,500, was taken off, and the prize crew, twenty in number, all well armed, put on board. The engine-room was taken in charge by two engineers from the *Alabama*. The officers and marines on board the *Ariel* were paroled, and their arms taken, as well as some belonging to the ship.

Both vessels lay off the Cape during the night and part of the next day. On the afternoon of the 8th our sails were thrown overboard and the steam-valve taken away, in order to prevent our escape should they give chase to any other vessel, as they were expecting to capture the *Champion* also, and had been lying in wait for several days at this point for that purpose. The same night our valve was returned, and the intention of landing us at St. Domingo changed to Kingston, Jam.

Both vessels were then headed for that place, and on the 9th inst., at 9 P. M., we arrived off Point Morant, about 40 miles from Kingston. Near this point the *Alabama* gave chase and boarded a vessel, from which some information was received, which induced Capt. SEMMES to again change his mind, and take heavy bonds for the ship and cargo, permitting us to resume our voyage. The reason given was, that this vessel had reported yellow fever raging in Kingston, and he would not subject our passengers to its ravages; but we were afterward informed at Morant that no yellow fever had prevailed there for some time.

The conduct of those officers and crew of the *Alabama* in charge of this ship was extremely courteous. They were in regular communication with the United States, both by letters and papers, and were fully cognizant of our days of sailing, and that no cruisers were in these waters to intercept them. For this reason, the specie to come by the *Ariel* was left at Aspinwall, as Capt. JONES did not think it prudent to bring it.

ASPINWALL SPECIE.

Ship's money	\$500
Handy & Hoadley	1,670
Ribon & Munos	220
W. W. White & Co.	500
Total	\$3,320

We are indebted to J. P. WHEELER, Purser of the *Ariel*, for the above particulars.

STATEMENT OF THE PASSENGERS.

Monday, Dec. 8, 1862.

We, the subscribers, passengers on board the United States mail steamer *Ariel*, A. G. Jones, commanding, take this means of expressing our approbation of the surrender of said ship on yesterday to the Confederate steamer *Alabama*.

Just after passing Cape May she showed herself as soon as we were apprised of her presence was at the mercy of her guns, and the unarmed condition of our ship, and the large number of women and children on board, would have made it inhuman to resist. (Signed.)

Chas. B. Wyatt, San Francisco; John G. Ellis, San Francisco; Wm. A. Dana, San Francisco; Edward Rogers, S. F.; W. H. Parks, S. F.; J. Joseph, San Francisco; Chas. Le Gay, S. F.; Jno. Coffin, Boston; Patrick Kerby, S. F.; J. B. Iham, S. F.; Edward Farrell, S. F.; E. A. Bennett, Missouri; H. Hubbard, California; Suman Fuller, Michigan; S. C. Talcott, San Francisco; Geo. W. Dow, Bristol, New Hampshire; Chas. B. Pettit, Placer, California; Geo. H. Hunt, Boston.

STATEMENT OF THE OFFICERS ON BOARD.

U. S. MAIL STEAMER ARIEL, OFF CAPE MAY, Dec. 8, 1862.

We, the undersigned, fully concur in foregoing letter from the passengers of the steamer *Ariel* to her commander, A. G. Jones, respecting her surrender. On rounding Cape May the rebel steamer *Alabama* came suddenly upon us from behind the highland, where she had been waiting as a day or more. We were at once within range of her guns. The *Ariel* was very much crowded, having many passengers, and nearly one-half of them were women and children. The enemy fired first a blank charge, which Capt. Jones disregarded, and endeavored to escape, but she rapidly overhauled us and fired two shells, one of which struck our forecast, a few feet above the hurricane deck, and nearly carried it away. The vessels were then less than five hundred yards apart. Resistance would have been worse than folly, as the preceding letter states, hence we promptly availed her surrender.

Very respectfully, (Signed)

L. G. Sartory, Com. U. S. N.; T. H. Corrie, 1st Lieut. U. S. M. C.; A. G. Jones, Capt. U. S. N.; W. B. McKean, 1st Lieut. U. S. M. C.; D. M. Cohan, Capt. U. S. M. C.; J. M. C. U. S. M. C.; T. L. Steele, Lt. U. S. N.; A. W. Ward, 2d Lieut. U. S. M. C.; T. L. McElrath, 1st Lieut. U. S. M. C.; C. H. Joutel, 2d Lieut. U. S. M. C.; U. S. M. C.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE BY THE ARIEL.

FROM PANAMA.

The capture of the *Ariel* by the *Alabama*—The Incidents of the Occasion—Local News—Arbolada, the Reactionary Chief, Assassinated.

PANAMA, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1862.

The principal topic of interest among us, for the past few days, as you may well imagine, has been the boarding and robbery of the *Ariel* by the Confederate steamer "290" or *Alabama*. It is probable ere this you have had the main facts, so what I may write can be placed under the head of "Further par-

ticulars." My facts I get from Com. SARTORY and Capt. JONES.

On Sunday, 7th inst., at 2 P. M., just as the passengers in the first cabin had sat down to dinner, a report was brought to Capt. Jones of "steam war ship in sight." No alarm was created by this announcement; Capt. Jones excusing himself to his dinner companions, said he would see what she was like. On ascending to the deck, the vessel was about four miles off, under Cape May, and was just coming out of the sun-glaze. She had an American flag flying, but Capt. Jones exclaimed: "If that isn't an English rig, you may shoot me!" He ordered his Engineer to put on all steam, thinking to run away from the suspected vessel. He soon saw that the bark was rapidly overhauling him, and in a few minutes she fired a blank shot. Capt. Jones paid no attention, but kept on his way. A moment after, the bark hoisted the Confederate flag, and bang! bang! two shells passed over the *Ariel*. One was an hundred-pound steel pointed missile, which explodes immediately on striking the object, but this shell fortunately passed over the vessel without touching her. The other, a round, common fuse shell, struck the forecast above the hurricane deck, cutting nearly its size from the mast.

In the meantime, the 140 officers and marines on board, under Major GARLAND, had been drawn up on the deck of the *Ariel*, with their arms, prepared for resistance. But the character of the craft having now been fully ascertained, and the futility of defense being clearly apparent, notwithstanding the remonstrances of Capt. Jones, who wanted to fight, and who declared he would never lower his flag so long as he could fight, the marines were dismissed and ordered below. Then the Stars and Stripes came down, and the *Ariel* surrendered. At this time the *Ariel* was going about 8 knots—fast, for her—and the *Alabama* 11 knots, without sail, and only under 11 pounds of steam—so says Capt. Jones. Her fires had been banked, and less than an hour before the *Ariel* hauled down her flag, she had started them up. Capt. SEMMES told Capt. Jones that under 17 pounds of steam he had made 13 knots, but had never worked his steam up any higher, as he never had occasion to do so. He said he could make 15 knots under steam.

By 3 P. M., a boat from the *Alabama*, with twelve men, under the command of Lieut. Low, a young Georgian, the men armed with pistols and cutlasses, was alongside. At this time, the consternation and fright among the passengers, particularly among the women, was indescribable. The least many of them expected was to be robbed and then have their throats cut. The more prudent had hidden away their money, watches and jewelry, the best they could, and the more cunning had passed their personal articles of value into the hands of British and French passengers. Many who had sworn allegiance to Uncle Samuel, and who had eaten his salt for twenty years, suddenly forgot to asperse his h's, and not one of the Jews could speak English. As Lieut. Low, in his neat uniform and bland smiling face, stepped on deck and politely lifted his cap, the fears began to slightly subside. The first thing he did was to assure the passengers that not a hair of their heads should be plucked out, and not a dollar of personal property taken.

Observing that there were United States officers and marines on board, Lieut. Low communicated with Capt. SEMMES, and the latter ordered that Capt. Jones should come on board the *Alabama*. When Lieut. Low returned, he paroled all the officers and marines, the condition being that they "should not serve the United States in any manner during the war." To a question of Capt. SARTORY as to whether this prevented the marines and soldiers from serving in the forts of California, to which most of them were destined, he replied, "Yes—you are to do no service of any kind for your Government."

Lieut. Low called for the manifest, and finding some money on them, took possession of \$8,000 in Treasury notes, belonging to Messrs. WELLS, FARGO & CO., and \$1,500 in silver for Nicaragua, belonging to PATRICK MINNLEIGH, Esq., late United States Special Inspector of Customs in Panama, and to his American partner in Nicaragua, E. S. LANE, Esq. Being assured by Purser WHEELER that the *Ariel* had no letters, he did not overhaul the sacks, and in fact nothing in the time was designed to be taken. As Capt. Jones, the private sacs of the Panama Railroad Company, the South and Central American and Panama mails, and even the State Department sacks for the United States Consul at Aspinwall, containing his own correspondence and that for other Consuls, Ministers and naval officers, came safely to hand.

Lieut. Low ordered all the officers to give up their swords, and all the soldiers and marines their arms, and these were taken on board the *Alabama*. He compelled Capt. Jones to bond the ship for \$125,000, the cargo for \$123,000, and freight for \$12,000, to be paid within 30 days after the establishment of the independence of the Confederate States.

The Lieutenant, before he left, ordered all the sails of the *Ariel* to be cut away and thrown overboard, but no other property was damaged or destroyed, save the liquors of the ship, and not a dollar's worth was taken out of her except the money. The liquors were destroyed on request of Capt. SARTORY and Maj. GARLAND, as a precaution against the women, who they feared might get at them in the confusion and become unmanageable, now that their officers were disarmed. The heads of the whisky barrels were knocked in, and the liquors in the bar thrown overboard. In this connection, it may not be unwise to say that Capt. SEMMES complained bitterly to Capt. Jones of the false reports he averred had been made by the commanders of some of the sailing vessels he had taken, particularly of the master of the *Lampshire*, who reported that the first thing the officers and sailors demanded on boarding him was liquor. He said that not a drop of liquor was used by his men on that ship, but that it was destroyed immediately she was boarded for fear his men might get at it and make brutes of themselves.

Lieut. Low ordered the *Ariel* to keep company with the *Alabama*, and both ships steamed toward Jamaica. At night he again visited the *Ariel*, and took away with him one of her steam-valves, so as to temporarily disable the engine. Of course, the *Ariel* drifted about, (it was calm weather), and the *Alabama* left her to look for other prey. Capt. Jones was informed by Capt. SEMMES that his passengers would be landed at a point on San Domingo, which has only a few huts, and is at a great distance from supplies. To this Capt. Jones earnestly remonstrated. "For God's sake," Capt. SEMMES, don't leave us there!" exclaimed Capt. Jones. "What in Heaven's name are 650 persons—a third of them women and children—to live on there?" He then said he would land them in Jamaica, for he was determined to burn the ship. He said VANDERBURG had given one of the finest steamers in the world to the Government with which to run him down, and he would destroy everything of his he fell in with.

The next day, Monday, the valve was restored, and the *Ariel* ordered to keep company as before. Every little while the *Alabama* would dart off, leaving the *Ariel*, on perceiving a sail, give chase to her, and finding she was not American, returned to her game, while she was enabled to do, from the fact she could steam two miles to the *Ariel*'s one. At night the valve was again taken out.

On Tuesday, the ships kept company, the *Alabama*

occasionally going on a little cruise after Yankee craft off half-past 10 at night, when they made a light on Jamaica. Capt. SEMMES then informed Capt. Jones that he would not put his passengers on shore at Port Royal, as the yellow fever was prevailing there, but that he might proceed on his voyage.

At 6 in the morning, on Wednesday, Capt. Jones, having kept close in to land, spoke a branch pilot in Morant Bay, who agreed to take a letter to the Mayor of Morant, for the United States Consul at Kingston. Capt. SARTORY wrote in the Mayor, telling him it was very important the letter should be dispatched at once, and he has no doubt the Consul got the paper by 12 o'clock same day. Neither the pilot at the Mayor were informed of the contents of the letter, nor of the occurrences here detailed. If the Consul is not afraid of taking responsibilities, as he should not be, in such important matters, he chartered a vessel, and a steam one, if possible, to take the news to Santiago de Cuba, a short distance from which there is a telegraph to Havana, and where there may have been some United States war-stations.

All the officers and passengers I have talked with say that Lieut. Low acted in the most gentlemanly, and even courteous manner, and Capt. Jones says the same of Capt. SEMMES. In fact, all the *Ariel*'s folks appear to have been perfectly fascinated and enchanted by Lieut. Low. He soothed the ladies, patted the children on the head, kissed the neglected-looking as well as the prettiest babies, and made himself generally agreeable. He told Com. SARTORY he did only his duty in molesting the *Ariel*, and remarked, "You, Capt. SARTORY, would do the same thing were your country treated so outrageously as mine has been." He allowed Capt. SARTORY to keep a favorite fowling-piece he had with him, and did many other gracious things.

All great villains, if they are smart, are courteous in social life, and Lieut. Low, in the *Alabama*, the passengers, what there would have been left of them, would have thought differently of their captor.

Capt. SEMMES, in his conversation with Capt. Jones, talked a good deal about the Pacific, and knew all about our ship-of-war gets. Capt. Jones thinks that when the West-India gets too hot for him, he will turn up in our waters here, but I think not. He might make a raid upon our whalers, and he says he is particularly anxious to cripple New-England men—the facilities for such business as his are much less on the Pacific than on the Atlantic. The thing that seemed to trouble him most, was the impossibility of his burning VANDERBURG's ship, which he could not do on account of the passengers. The fact is, he had won an elephant in a raffish. He could not drop them down in any desert place, and he knew he could not land them in Kingston, or in the port of any powerful nation.

Capt. SEMMES told Capt. Jones that he coated salt at Martinique—that when he left port the *San Jacinto* trained a gun upon him, when the fort immediately trained her guns upon the *San Jacinto*, and she desisted from the attack.

I wouldn't like to say that Capt. SEMMES is a fool. In the face of many evidences to the contrary, but in seeing his blind before the fact, he has lost the chance of a good dinner a little later. Had he waited till the *Ariel* returned, he might have got a million or so of dollars from her. Now she will not give him a chance. And while he was fiddling with the *Ariel* he lost the *Champion*, which passed through the Islands on the 9th.

The marines and sailors one hundred in number, went to San Francisco on the 13th on the *Constitution*, it being probable they will be exchanged soon. The Panama contingent, 24 in number, will go as passengers to San Francisco on the United States slop-of-war *Cyane*, and wait for an exchange.

The names of the officers paroled are: Maj. ANDERSON GARLAND; Capt. DAVID M. CORRIE; First Lieut. EDWARD McELRATH; First Lieut. W. H. McKean; First Lieut. F. H. Corrie; Second Lieut. A. W. Ward; Second Lieut. C. Daniel; Com. Conrad SARTORY, of United States slop-of-war *Cyane*; Lieut. Tecumseh STEELE, United States Navy.

Capt. Jones leaves behind about \$600,000 in specie, and in so doing acts under advice of Hon. DAVID K. CARTER, United States Minister Resident at Bolivia; FRANCIS W. RICE, United States Consul at Aspinwall; Col. A. R. McKee, United States Consul at Panama; Wm. PARKER, Superintendent Panama Railroad Company; Lieutenant-Commanding United States brig *Battle*; Lieut. DORRIS, Commanding United States ship *Warren*, and merchants of repute and standing on the island.

Our local news is not very important. The State Convention is in session, and has passed some stringent resolutions. One is abolishing members of the FRANKLIN family now in Costa Rica, and Ex-Governor OGDEN, now in Chiriqui, in this State. The other is assessing a forced tax of \$34,000 on a few persons of capital in the City of Panama, whose politics don't agree with theirs. The President of the Convention, DON MARIANO AROSEMENA, DON PEDRO GOIRA, DON DIAS AROSEMENA, and one other member, voted and protested against the measures. Gov. DIAZ will veto them, but they will be passed over his head.

We have dates from Bogota only up to Nov. 1. Gen. MOSQUERA had appointed a Governor for the State of Antioquia, which lately laid down its arms to him, and the appointee was received with every demonstration of respect by the people. The Antioquenos had come forward voluntarily. It is said, with a loan of one million of dollars to Mosquera's Government.

The National Convention is finally to meet on the 1st January—it is not yet decided where.

The whole Republic is quiet, there being no armed force against MOSQUERA, except perhaps that of Gen. ASAZOLA, 1,500 or 2,000, on the borders of Ecuador, in the State of Cacha.

Gen. ASAZOLA, who has been the leading spirit against MOSQUERA in the war, was assassinated on the 12th November, by three men firing upon him while he was traveling through a mountain pass in Cacha, in company with two of his aids. Three bullets entered his body, and he died next day. The men were Indians, but are not known, neither is it known if they knew their victim.

The French fleet, of four ships, sailed a week since for Acapulco. The British frigate *Tartar* is in port. Also, the United States war steamer *Lancaster*, and slops-of-war *Cyane* and *St. Marys*. The *Narragansett*, war steamer, has gone up the Central American Canal. There is no United States ship of war in Aspinwall, except the unarmed brig *Battle*.

THE WAR IN ARKANSAS.

Jeff. Thompson in Command of a Rebel Force at Pocahontas—Ex-Gov. JACKSON, of Missouri, Dead.

St. Louis, Friday, Dec. 26.

Advices received here at headquarters from Pilot Knice are to the effect that a deserter from Col. GAZAN's rebel regiment reports JEFF. THOMPSON at Pocahontas with between five and six thousand Infantry, mostly Missouri and Arkansas troops; also, two regiments of cavalry and one battery. The deserter left Pocahontas last Monday.

Reliable information has been received that CLAUDE F. JACKSON, the deposed Governor of the State of Missouri, died at Little Rock, Ark., about the 8th inst.

The new Monitor *Nahant*.

Boston, Saturday, Dec. 27.

The new Monitor *Nahant* sailed to-day on her trial trip.

THE BLACK FLAG.

An Important Proclamation by Jeff. Davis.

The Retaliatory Policy Fully Inaugurated.

Gen. Butler and His Officers to be Executed for the Hanging of Mumford.

National Officers Found with Slaves to be Hung.

The Slaves to Suffer the Same Fate.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES—A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, a communication was addressed on the 6th day of July last, 1862, by Gen. ROBERT E. LEE, acting under the instructions of the Secretary of War of the Confederate States of America, to Gen. H. W. HALLOCK, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army, informing the latter that a report had reached this Government that Wm. B. Mumford, a citizen of the Confederate States, had been executed by the United States authorities at New-Orleans, for having pulled down the United States flag in that city before its occupation by the United States forces, and calling for a statement of the facts, with a view of retaliation if such an outrage had really been committed under the sanction of the authorities of the United States;

And whereas, (no answer having been received to said letter), another letter was, on the 2d of August last, (1862), addressed by Gen. LEE, under my instructions, to Gen. HALLOCK, renewing the inquiries in relation to the execution of the said Mumford, with the information that in the event of not receiving a reply within fifteen days, it would be assumed that the fact was true, and was sanctioned by the Government of the United States;

And whereas, an answer, dated on the 7th of August last, 1862, was addressed to Gen. LEE by Gen. H. W. HALLOCK, the said Commander-in-Chief of the armies of the United States, alleging sufficient causes for failure to make early reply to said letter of the 6th July, asserting that "No authentic information had been received in relation to the execution of Mumford, but measures will be immediately taken to ascertain the facts of the alleged execution," and promising that Gen. LEE should be duly informed thereof;

And whereas, on the 28th of November last, (1862), another letter was addressed, under my instructions, by ROBERT OULT, Confederate agent for the exchange of prisoners, under the cartel between the two Governments, to Lieut. Col. W. H. LUDLOW, agent of the United States under said cartel, informing him that the explanation promised in the said letter of Gen. HALLOCK, of 7th of August last, had not yet been received, and that if no answer was sent to the Government within fifteen days from the delivery of this last communication, it would be considered that an answer is declined;

And whereas, a letter dated on the 3d day of the present month of December, the said Lieut. Col. LUDLOW apprized the said ROBERT OULT that the above recited communication of the 19th of November had been received and forwarded to the Secretary of War of the United States, and whereas this last delay of fifteen days allowed for answer has elapsed and no answer has been received;

And whereas, in addition to the tacit admission resulting from the above refusal to answer, I have received evidence fully establishing the truth of the fact that the said WILLIAM B. MUMFORD, a citizen of the Confederacy, was actually and publicly executed in cold blood by hanging, after the occupation of the City of New-Orleans by the forces under Gen. BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, when said Mumford was an unwilling and non-combatant captive, and for no offense even alleged to have been committed by him subsequent to the date of the capture of said city; and whereas, the silence of the Government of the United States, and its maintaining of said BUTLER in high office under its authority for many months after his commission of an act that can be viewed in no other light than as a deliberate murder, as well as of numerous other outrages and atrocities heretofore mentioned, afford evidence too conclusive that the said Government sanctions the conduct of the said BUTLER, and is determined that he shall remain unpunished for these crimes;

Now, therefore, I, JEFFERSON DAVIS, President of the Confederate States of America, and in their name, do pronounce and declare the said BENJAMIN F. BUTLER to be a felon, deserving of capital punishment. I do order that he shall no longer be considered or treated simply as a public enemy of the Confederate States of America, but as an outlaw and common enemy of mankind, and that, in the event of his capture, the officer in command of the capturing force do cause him to be immediately executed by hanging; and I do further order that no commissioned officers of the United States, taken captive, shall be released on parole, before exchange, until the said BUTLER shall have met with due punishment for his crimes.

And whereas, the hostilities waged against this Confederacy by the forces of the United States, under the command of said BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, have borne no resemblance to such warfare as is alone permissible by the rules of international law, or the usage of civilization, but have been characterized by repeated atrocities and outrages, among the large number of which the following may be cited as examples:

Peaceful and aged citizens, unresisting captives and non-combatants, have been confined at hard labor, with hard chains attached to their limbs, and are still so held in dungeons and fortresses;

There have been submitted to a like degrading punishment for selling medicines to the sick soldiers of the Confederacy;

The soldiers of the United States have been invited and encouraged in general orders to insult and outrage the wives, the mothers, and the sisters of our citizens;

Helpless women have been torn from their homes, and subjected to solitary confinement, some in fortresses and prisons, and one especially on an island of barren and under a tropical sun; have been fed with loathsome rations that had been condemned as unfit for soldiers, and have been exposed to the vilest insults;

Prisoners of war, who surrendered to the naval forces of the United States, on agreement that they should be released on parole, have been seized and kept in close confinement;

Repeated attempts have been sought or invented for plundering the inhabitants of the captured city by forced and collected under threats of imprisonment, recruits at hard labor with ball and chain. The entire population of New-Orleans have been forced to elect between starvation by the confiscation of all their property, and taking an oath against conscience to bear allegiance to the invader of their country;

Egress from the city has been refused to those whose fortitude withstood the test, and even to lone and aged women, and to helpless children; and after

being ejected from their homes, and robbed of their property, they have been left to starve in the streets or submit on charity;

The slaves have been driven from the plantations in the neighborhood of New-Orleans until their owners would consent to share their crops with the commanding General, his brother, ANTHONY J. BUTLER, and other officers, and when such consent has been extorted the slaves have been restored to the plantations, and there compelled to work under the bayonets of the guards of United States soldiers. Where that partnership was refused, armed expeditions have been sent to the plantations to rob them of everything that was susceptible of removal;

And even slaves, too aged or infirm for work, have, in spite of their entreaties, been forced from the homes provided by their owners, and driven to wander helpless on the highway;

By a recent general order, number 91, the entire property in that part of Louisiana west of the Mississippi River has been sequestered for confiscation, and officers have been assigned to duty with orders to gather up and collect the personal property, and turn over to the proper officers upon their receipts, such of said property as may be required for the use of the United States army; to collect together all the other personal property and assets of all ages, sexes, and conditions, and cause it to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder—an order which, if executed, would be tantamount to punishment by starvation, at least a quarter of a million of human beings of all ages, sexes, and conditions, and of which the execution, although forbidden to military officers by the orders of President LINCOLN, is in accordance with the constitution and law of our enemies, which he has effected to be enforced through the agency of civil officials;

And finally, the African slaves, have not only been incited to insurrection by every House and encouragement, but numbers of them have actually been armed for the purpose of a war in its nature far exceeding the horrors and most merciless atrocities of any war;

And whereas, the officers under command of the said BUTLER have been, in many instances, active and zealous agents in the commission of these crimes, and no instance is known of the refusal of any one of them to participate in the same, and whereas, the said BUTLER, by his public and official declarations, signified not only his approval of the effort to execute servile war within the Confederate States, but also his encouragement thereof, if these independent States shall continue to refuse submission to a forthright power after the 1st of January next, and has thus made known that all approved slaves

and sending troops detached on the Lorry Road. There has been no change for some time.

(Signed) L. McDOWELL, Major-General.

Close of the day.

WASHINGTON, June 2, 1862.

To Gen. Fremont, Strassburg, and Gen. McDowell.

Front Royal, June 2, 1862.

Your dispatches have been received. We are glad to hear you are so close on the enemy. McClellan beat the rebels down near Richmond yesterday. The President tells me to say to you, "Do not stop. You are advancing your escape from us."

With two brigades from Harper's Ferry toward Winchester. Let us hear from you often.

E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

THE PRESIDENT WANTS TO KNOW WHERE IS JACKSON?

WASHINGTON, June 2, 1862.

Maj.-Gen. McDowell:

Anxious to know if Shields can head or flank Jackson. Please tell me about where Jackson and Shields respectively are at the time this reaches you.

A. LINCOLN.

SEN. McDOWELL TO SECRETARY STANTON—FREMONT'S OPERATIONS.

Front Royal, June 2, 1862.

Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.:

I transmit a letter just received from Maj.-Gen. Fremont.

WOODBRIDGE, June 2, 1862.

General: I thank you for your letter of the 28th inst. to the Secretary of War, and to ask you will do the same with the inclosed, which will inform you of the day's operations. Your Cavalry Brigade rendered good and efficient service, and the day was closed in bringing up my infantry, would have made the day disastrous to Jackson. But the tardiness of the march, and the delay in getting the cavalry into position, and the weather is terrible on the troops, and we are having another night of hard continuous rain.

I am, General, your obedient servant, J. C. FREMONT, Maj. Gen. Comd'g Divt.

Maj.-Gen. I. McDowell, Comd'g Divt. F. Royal.

Brig.-Gen. Bayard's Brigade, from my command, rendering the result of the day's operations. It consists of the First Pennsylvania, and the First Maine Cavalry, the Bucktail Battalion, under Lieut.-Col. Kane, and eight pieces of Artillery.

Under the command of the Division, we were unsuccessful in our attempt to capture the bridge over the Shenandoah River, and we were ourselves charged by Bayard, and many prisoners taken. Our present position is on the west side of the river. Gen. Fremont and Gen. Shields have each two days' subsistence. All the others are without food to-day. There is subsistence on the way in the rain, and we are having another night of hard continuous rain.

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I expect soon to have facilities to send Ord's Division to support Shields, although the latter desires no support. The difficulty just now is to get the troops into position. I have ordered Gen. Bayard's Brigade to move on to the Shenandoah River, and to support Shields.

Very respectfully, I. McDOWELL.

Major-General, Commanding Department.

GEN. SHIELDS GETS STOPPED.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK, June 2, 1862.

Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.:

I sent an Aid-de-Camp yesterday morning to overtake Gen. Shields, with information of Gen. Fremont's present position, and to inform him that I have just received the following answer:

LEWIS, VA, June 2, 1862.—A. M.

Gen. McDowell, Commanding Department of the Shenandoah Valley:

We heard the sound of cannon on the Strasburg turnpike, and judged it was Fremont's army. My advance last night reached the Shenandoah River, and we were unable to cross the bridge. This will retard us. We must cross somehow. Let Fremont know that I will fall on him. We have no provisions, and we are without food. I am in his rear, and should be able to reach him. Gen. Shields is said to be at Thornton's Gap. Yours sincerely, JAMES SHIELDS.

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The somehow in which the General is to cross the stream, to-day, swollen as it is by the heavy rains, is a clear, and a delicate matter. The river is so high, and the current so strong, that we have no chance of crossing. I have no provisions, and we are without food. I am in his rear, and should be able to reach him. Gen. Shields is said to be at Thornton's Gap. Yours sincerely, JAMES SHIELDS.

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Why Shields couldn't catch Jackson.

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The following has just been received from Major-General Shields:

"The amount of all this is that we cannot cross the Shenandoah in time to intercept Jackson. The river is swollen, and has carried away the two bridges which were the only means of crossing. The river is so high, and the current so strong, that we have no chance of crossing. I have no provisions, and we are without food. I am in his rear, and should be able to reach him. Gen. Shields is said to be at Thornton's Gap. Yours sincerely, JAMES SHIELDS."

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Official, Ed. SCHRIVER, Colonel and Chief of Staff.

RECTORSTOWN, June 4, 1862.

Maj.-Gen. McDowell:

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The most startling intelligence we have this morning, is the announcement, telegraphed from San Francisco yesterday, that the Vanderbilt steamship *Ariel*, on her outward trip to Aspinwall, was captured by the pirate *Alabama* on the 7th inst., near the east end of Cuba. She was detained until the 10th inst., and then allowed to proceed on her voyage, after giving a ransom bond in the sum of \$228,000. She had on board a quantity of arms and ammunition, which was taken out by the *Alabama*, and a detachment of one hundred and twenty marines were paroled. The only other plunder taken was \$8,000 in "greenbacks" belonging to WELLS, FARGO & Co. The pirate seems to have overtaken the *Ariel* with the greatest ease.

Since the above was written the *Ariel* has arrived at this port on her return trip from Aspinwall, bringing full particulars of her adventure, which will be found in this morning's TIMES.

JEFF. DAVIS has issued a proclamation which exceeds in mendacity and savagery all which have preceded it. It is directed against Gen. BUTLER and his officers; against all officers found in arms with slaves, and against all slaves found "in insurrection." He starts off with a preamble with an infinite number of *whereases*—in the very first one of which he tells an untruth, in stating that MUMFORD was hung by Gen. BUTLER for pulling down an American flag in New Orleans before the city was occupied by the United States forces—and ends with ordering—first, that BUTLER and all his commissioned officers are to be hung when caught; second, that the private under his command, not being free agents, will be paroled according to the usages of war; third, that all slaves captured in arms shall be delivered to the authorities of the respective States to which they belong, to be dealt with according to law; and fourth, that a like course shall be taken with all commissioned officers found serving with slaves.

Dr. JOHN SWINBURNE, of Albany, in a private letter written from Washington, states that the army is about to make an important movement—the character of which, however, he is not at liberty to mention. Dr. SWINBURNE, it will be recollected, left home, immediately after the battle of Fredericksburgh, for the scene of that disastrous conflict, to render gratuitous service to the wounded.

Another demonstration on the Louisville and Nashville railroad has been made by the guerrilla JOHN MORAN. He entered Glasgow on Wednesday with a force of three thousand cavalry. He was opposed by three companies of the Second Michigan cavalry, but the latter finally fell back to Munfordsville. On Thursday the rebels, who had advanced to Bear Wallow, near Cave City, were attacked by a force of four troops and driven off, after damaging the railroad to some extent at Glasgow Junction. Several rebels were captured during the skirmish.

The Nashville Union, of Dec. 13, says: "We have no military news this morning in this vicinity. An immense foraging party went out on the Charlotte pike yesterday, but we believe met with no enemy."

General ROSKENS has issued an order for the stoppage of all boats now in the vicinity of the falls at Louisville, and their detention until further orders.

The rebel General JEFF. THOMPSON is back again to his old "stumping ground." He is reported to be at Pocahontas, Ark., with between five and six thousand infantry, mostly Missouri and Arkansas troops, besides two regiments of cavalry and one battery. Pocahontas is near the Missouri State line, below Pilot Knob.

A letter from NAT. S. BALDWIN, Acting-Master and Executive Officer of the United States ship *Relief*, dated Ship Island, Dec. 9, says: "Have heard quick, heavy firing almost all the forenoon, in the direction of Grant's Pass, Mobile Bay; what it is, don't know. Maybe some of the rebel gunboats are giving our ships a run, just for a change. Possibly some of our ships are battering away at Fort Morgan. Whichever it may be, there have been some pretty lively guns at work. Shall probably know upon the return of the *Sykes*."

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia North American furnishes the following item: "The rebel journals of Richmond are in great glee over the 'repulse of Gen. FORSTER' in North Carolina, and they feel certain that he will be very careful how he makes any more forays into the interior of that State. There is some curiosity to see the official account of the return of our army at Newbern, but its publication will depend upon circumstances."

Thirty-seven rebel prisoners arrived in Wheeling on Wednesday last. The *Intelligencer* gives the following particulars of their capture:—"About the first of the present month Gen. CAHOES, commanding at Brownstown, in West Virginia, dispatched Major EMMET SCHAEFER, of the Twenty-eighth Ohio regiment, on a scouting party. They marched one hundred and sixty miles, and fell in with the traitor FLOYD, whom they drove across the Big Sandy river into Kentucky. They also burned the town of Logan, along with the residence and other buildings of the late Secretary; broke up a gang of bushwhackers, and finally returned with thirty-seven prisoners and about a hundred cattle. The prisoners were in charge of Capt. KENNEDY, Assistant Adjutant-General to Gen. CAHOES, who turned them over to the Pro-

test-Marshall at the Athenaeum. Capt. KENNEDY also brought with him three or four deserters from different regiments."

The Nashville Union says that quite a number of the disloyal persons assessed by Gov. JOHNSON, have come forward and paid the monthly installment of their assessment. Hundreds of the suffering poor of Davidson County will be cheered and comforted by this provision for their benefit.

Five thousand Germans have notified Hon. ELI THAYER that they are willing to settle in Florida upon the terms of his plan of restoring that State to the National Government. One thousand of these Germans now reside in St. Louis, Mo.

There will be a large amount—over seven millions—due the army in the course of a week, and there are rumors that Mr. CHASE will endeavor to secure the sum by means of a loan.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A preamble and resolutions by Mr. FAULKNER, relative to the death of Maj. WILLIAM HOSKINS, of MAQUETTE's Irish Brigade, who was killed at Fredericksburgh, were adopted. They offer the condolence of the Common Council with the family of the deceased on his loss, and direct the Committee on National Affairs to receive his remains, and take charge of the funeral. [The funeral will take place, at 2 o'clock, to-day, from the City Hall.] A communication was received from the Central Park Commission, urging the necessity of a further appropriation, to enable them to proceed economically with their work. They state that the improvements above One Hundred and Second-street cannot be proceeded with advantage until the question is settled whether the land lying between One Hundred and Sixth and One Hundred and Tenth streets is to be added to the Park. Their liabilities amount to \$175,000; and no more money will be wanted to complete the Park, which has been authorized for the purpose by the Legislature, of which \$233,000 remains to be raised. So far the expenditures amount to \$3,595,330 75. Add to this sum the cost of the land, \$3,787,761 37, and the total outlay for the Park has been \$7,383,092 12. Messrs. FAULKNER and FAULKNER endeavored, but without success, to have the paper published. It was referred to the Finance Committee, who have before them other matters in regard to the Park. The Mayor's veto of the resolution to increase the salary of the President of the Croton Board to \$5,000 per annum, and to increase the salaries of some of the subordinates in the same Department, was overruled by 14 to 1. The Board adjourned till 4 o'clock Monday.

It is stated that by constructing a canal about three-fourths of a mile in length, from Big Stone Lake to Lake Traverse, extending from St. Paul, could navigate both the Minnesota River and the Red River of the North to Lake Winnipeg, a distance of 700 miles! The country traversed by these rivers is surpassingly fertile, and capable of sustaining a large population. Lake Traverse is larger than Lake Ontario, and receives the Saskatchewan River from the West. The Saskatchewan River is navigable to a point (Edmonton) near the Rocky Mountains, 700 miles west of Lake Winnipeg, and only 150 miles east of the celebrated gold diggings on the Fraser River, in British Columbia. The digging of this one mile of canal, would, therefore, enable a steamboat at New Orleans to pass into Lake Winnipeg, and from thence to Edmonton House, some 5,000 miles! A canal has been introduced into the Senate, which makes provision for the building of the canal.

The Manchester, (Vt.) Journal says that large quantities of cotton taken from mattresses, are being shipped from Vermont to Massachusetts.

The corporation of Troy is about to issue shillings of the denomination of five cents. The city gives \$20 interest per day on the \$55,000 of this currency now in circulation.

Acting Gov. W. P. N. ARMY of New Mexico, delivered his message to the territorial legislature on Dec. 2. Among other things he recommends the establishment of a daily mail between Fort Leavenworth and Santa Fe, via Topeka and Fort Larned.

The iron-clad battery *Patapsco*, one of the *Monitor* fleet, arrived at Philadelphia from Wilmington (Del.) on Friday, having steamed the distance, which is between twenty-eight and thirty miles, in two hours and three quarters. Most of the time she had the tide with her.

Business was quite moderate in Flour and Wheat, on Saturday, and active in Corn, the latter closing at slightly advanced prices. A good inquiry prevailed for Cotton, Hay and Hops at moderate rates. Provisions were in demand; Mess Pork was a shade dearer. Groceries were quiet. No important changes occurred in other branches of trade. Government contracts for Pork, Rice, and Coffee were awarded. The total number of vessels of all classes in port was 515.

JEFF. DAVIS' PROCLAMATION.

The proclamation of JEFF. DAVIS is an extraordinary piece of ferocity and falsehood. It sets forth a specific charge against Gen. BUTLER, in the case of MUMFORD, who was executed at New-Orleans, and, in retaliation for the alleged act pronounces the said BUTLER to be a felon, deserving of capital punishment, and orders that he be treated as "an outlaw and common enemy of mankind, and that, in event of his capture, the officer in command of the capturing force do cause him to be immediately executed by hanging." It then proceeds to set forth certain general and vague charges against the same functionary and his subordinate officers, for violations of the laws of war, and concludes by ordering that all the commissioned officers in BUTLER's command be considered as "robbers and criminals, deserving death, and that they and each of them be, whenever captured, reserved for execution." It further makes provision for the disposition of private soldiers taken prisoners, of negro slaves captured in arms, and of officers found serving in company with said slaves. The whole proclamation has a special application to the case and rule of Gen. BUTLER, but there are points in it which make its application in some respects general to the conduct of the war.

The main object of issuing the proclamation at this moment is very obvious, and is even distinctly stated on the face of it. It is a proclamation to prevent a proclamation. It is simply to deter and terrify President LINCOLN by fear of consequences from issuing his promised Proclamation of Emancipation to the slaves of rebels on the first day of the opening year. "Whereas," says JEFFERSON DAVIS, "the President of the United States has, by public and official declarations, signified not only his approval of the effort to excite servile war within the Confederacy, but his intention to give aid and encouragement thereto, if these independent States shall continue to refuse submission to a foreign Power after the 1st day of January next... and our enemies can be deterred from the commission of these crimes only by the terrors of just retribution: Now, therefore," &c., &c. It is evident from this, as from a hundred other signs, that the rebel leaders dread the action in regard to their slaves, which will probably be taken in a few days. Davis does not regard a Proclamation of Emancipation as a "Pope's bull against the comet." He knows that, if not immediately upon its issue, yet ultimately and before the close of the war, it will certainly result in a complete breaking up of the system of Slavery and knocking away of the corner-

stone on which the Southern Confederacy reposes. Its future operation, of course, depends in a great measure upon our future military success; but already our armies in the Southwest have control of regions so vast and so densely populated with slaves, that the proclamation of freedom, if immediately carried into effect, would result in the immediate and eternal dissolution of the slave system in nearly one-half of the Confederacy. JEFFERSON DAVIS, therefore, has issued these bloody orders, and fore-shadowed his contingent policy, so that the North may thus be deterred from taking a step which must certainly ultimately result in crushing out the Confederacy. Whether even such atrocious threats can be allowed to upset any justifiable military policy which our Government may feel called upon to adopt, remains to be seen.

The order in DAVIS' proclamation, that all negro slaves captured in arms, and all commissioned officers (white) serving in company with said slaves, "shall be at once delivered over to the executive authorities of the respective States to which they belong, to be dealt with according to the laws of said States," means simply that these also shall be denied the application of the ordinary laws of war, and shall be hung. The laws of every Southern State provide that negroes in insurrection, and all who aid and abet such insurrection, shall suffer death by the gallows. This indicates another of the great fears of the rebel leaders—the fear that the Government may employ the emancipated slaves in military service.

The rebel President, as already mentioned, makes a series of general charges of atrocities and outrages in New-Orleans—most of which are false both directly and by implication, while some of the charges are not of "atrocities" at all, but simply of such treatment as is always dealt out to refractory persons in captured cities, or cities under martial law. We would not, on any account, palliate a single act of injustice that may have been practiced by Gen. BUTLER; but before we can pass judgment upon special acts, we must have some more definite statements than such absurd ones as that "Soldiers of the United States have been invited and encouraged in general orders to insult and outrage the wives, the mothers, and the sisters of our citizens."

In regard to the specific charge made by DAVIS in the case of MUMFORD, and on which he bases the order for the execution, when caught, of Gen. BUTLER, it is simply false, undeniably false. DAVIS says that MUMFORD was executed for having pulled down the United States flag "before the occupation of New-Orleans by the United States forces." Of course, every one who reads and remembers the circumstances of this case, as published last Spring, knows that our forces were actually in occupation of New-Orleans, and a garrison stationed in the Custom-house, when MUMFORD, as the leader of a band of New-Orleans ruffians, tore down our flag which had been hoisted on the City Hall. The fact is that as soon as our fleet arrived before New-Orleans a force was sent to take military possession of the city, and this force maintained possession of the city, and a garrison landed on the 1st of May. So that as no American flag was raised until our forces landed, and as we have steadily and continuously held the city from that day until now, it is impossible that JEFF. DAVIS' twice repeated assertion should be true that MUMFORD was executed "for no offence even alleged to have been committed by him subsequent to the date of the capture of the said city."

And, as it is an important point, we close by naming and elucidating as a falsehood this only specific charge of JEFF. DAVIS against our late Commandant at New-Orleans. In an official report from Capt. BAUMS, commanding the marines of the Gulf Squadron at the capture of New-Orleans, which we publish this morning for the first time, the continuous occupation of the city from the 24th of April is distinctly shown:

"On the morning of the 24th April last," says the report, "and immediately after the action with Fort Jackson and St. Philip, and the destruction of the rebel fleet, Admiral FAHAGUT, having determined to take military possession of the City of New-Orleans until the arrival of the troops of the United States Army under Gen. BUTLER's command, a battalion of United States marines, under my command, about 250 strong, were disembarked from the fleet on the 24th of April last, and marched to the Custom-house, where I detained Capt. ALAN RAMSAY, with a detachment of marines, to occupy the Custom-house, and guard the United States flag, then about to be hoisted on the building."

At this juncture, the marines were joined by two howitzers, manned by seamen, in charge of Midshipmen J. H. READ and E. C. HAZELTINE, from the flag-ship *Harford*. After occupying the Custom-house, I received orders from Commodore H. H. BALL, senior officer present, to march the marines to the City Hall, a distance of about half a mile from the vessels of our fleet, and near the center of the city. On arriving at the City Hall, I directed Lieut. JOHN C. HAAS, with a guard of marines, to occupy the building and enforce order there while the rebel flag was being hauled down from the flagstaff on the City Hall.

After performing this duty, the marines were marched to the place of embarkation, and returned to the fleet, except the marines quartered in the Custom-house, who were retained there for the purpose of guarding the United States flag. When the troops of Gen. BUTLER's command landed at New-Orleans on the 1st of May last, the force of marines on duty in the city returned to the fleet."

THE BASIS OF THE NATION'S POWER.—An appeal to the people is the final resort in every question of public interest and national welfare. The Government we live under is but an emanation from the people. All its dignity, title, authority, strength and power come from them. In their breath it lives; by their labor it is supported; by their love upheld; by their valor defended. We be to this Republic when it shall lose the love and confidence of the people!

In the beginning of the rebellion and at the outbreak of the war, the Government appealed to the people for support. History will tell how promptly, how heartily, how unreservedly it was given. Hardly a trace could be seen of the former party lines in all the loyal North. With one heart, one voice, one impulse, all

parties rushed to the rescue. A spectacle of sublime heroism and self-sacrifice was witnessed such as the earth never saw before.

In this City, the manifestations of popular feeling reached the highest and grandest pitch. The Government was fairly lifted to the skies on the sustaining shouts of the people whenever a meeting to sustain the war was called. The Administration had license such as was rarely offered by a free nation, if the ready votes of confidence and power may be counted worship. And it is unquestionable that our rulers received with unfeigned joy the tribute of praise and assured loyalty from the people who put such tremendous trusts in their hands.

We say again, we be to this Government, when, through its mistakes or imbecility, it shall lose the confidence of the people by whose breath it lives.

Rebel Movements in the West—Impending Dangers.

The inevitable JOHN MORAN turns up again in Kentucky, unexpectedly, no doubt, to many, but not to careful readers of the TIMES. The scene of MORAN's last exploit was Hartsville, which is a town considerably east and north of Nashville. It was evident, on a mere glance at the map, that if MORAN could roam at pleasure in the vicinity of Hartsville, he could dash into Kentucky again whenever it suited the purpose of his superiors to give the order. The order has been given and obeyed. MORAN has captured Glasgow, Ky.; driven the National forces north again into Munfordsville, and broken the railroad and telegraph communication between Louisville and Nashville. We are all in the dark now as to the army of Gen. ROSKENS. We only feel sure that it is strong enough to take care of itself, provided it has food enough to subsist on. But just here is the doubt. It is believed that Gen. ROSKENS has not advanced upon the rebels at Murfreesboro, because the railroad to Louisville was not equal to the work of supplying his great army. He was supposed to be waiting for a rise in the Cumberland River, so as to be able to use that stream in supporting his advance. If this be correct, the position of Gen. ROSKENS—now that he is out off from Louisville—is not a comfortable one. It will not do to evacuate Tennessee in order to feed his army. But he may be obliged to advance and fight the rebels for the provisions they have.

Every event in the Southwest conspires to sustain the view we took so early as Wednesday last, that the rebels are making a combined and powerful movement against Nashville—that their demonstrations in West Tennessee, which cuts off GRANT from the North, is a part, and a very important part, of the programme, inasmuch as it puts the Tennessee and the Cumberland Rivers in their safe possession, the navigation of which can be so obstructed as to make it impossible for gunboats or boats of commerce to ascend. These points being gained, and the Louisville and Nashville Railroad broken, Gen. ROSKENS must fight his way through the enemy's encircling force either North or South, or he will be in danger of starvation. The latter we have no sort of fear of. The worst that can happen in the contingencies we have presented, is that Gen. ROSKENS may be forced to give battle outside of his formidable defences at Nashville—may, indeed, be compelled to attack the enemy in his chosen position at Murfreesboro.

A Louisville paper announces that Gen. ROSKENS had sent an order to that City to stop all the steamboats now in that vicinity until further orders. This order is variously construed. Either Gen. ROSKENS wanted them to bring him supplies up the Cumberland River, or he feared the capture of the boats if they attempted to reach him. If he meant the former, he issued the order not a day too soon, as the railroad has now failed him. If he meant the latter, he was equally lucky, as the rivers are now unquestionably infested by the rebels, and ROSKENS can no longer give warning by telegraph.

The country will await with deep interest the further developments in the Southwest. On the theory we have advanced, the rebel storm of battle is gathering about Nashville, and must burst ere long in all the fury of desperation which we know the leaders of the rebellion feel.

A JAPANESE COUP D'ETAT.—Even the natives of Japan, who, prior to the advent of Commodore PERRY, were like the Britons of old, *penitus divites toto orbe*, have their political factions and political convulsions. The Tycoon is not a despot, but a puppet in the hands of the dominant party, who control his will and dictate his policy. Until lately it was the "Liberals," the party favorable to commercial intercourse with foreigners, and to general reform, that held office, and directed the Government. Intelligence, however, just reached us, via San Francisco, that this party has been suddenly driven from power, and that the first act of their opponents, on assuming the management of affairs, was to strip their sovereign of the few special privileges which still remained to him. Though no detailed account of this revolution has yet come to hand, it is nevertheless very easy to perceive why the Liberals lost popularity, and were unable to hold their ground against the reactionists. The Liberals were the party who had entered into treaties, and introduced commercial relations with Christian Powers—who had sent peaceful embassies to America and Europe, and endeavored to protect the persons and property of alien residents. But this enlightened policy was hateful to the oligarchs, who misrepresented its object to the multitude, and charged its supporters with want of patriotism, and indifference to the honor and independence of the empire. The reiteration of these calumnies produced in time the desired effect. The popularity of the Liberals waned, that of the Reactionists increased. The former gradually came to be regarded as the enemies of the country; the latter, as its only well-wishers and trust-

worthy champions; until, finally, the aristocrats, emboldened by their growing strength, organized an armed force, expelled their adversaries from the palace, and possessed themselves of the Tycoon and the Government.

A revolution has, in fact, taken place, which will probably have a most injurious effect on the interests of foreigners in Japan. For it is no longer the party friendly to the foreigner and to foreign commerce—that governs in the name of the Tycoon, and determines the privileges of intruders, but that fanatical faction who have always been the inveterate foes of the stranger, and who have always been prompt to incite their followers to outrage against him.

There is a chance, of course, that things may not turn out so bad as they promise. Parties are seldom as ultra in as out of office, and such may be the case in Japan. But if the Reactionists remain true to the principles which they practiced when in opposition; if they still hold it a sacred duty to disregard the rights of aliens, and to protect their assassins, the foreign residents may prepare for persecution under the new régime. But should the traitors be disregarded, and the residence of aliens in the Empire be rendered unsafe and intolerable, Japan will speedily call down upon her head the punishment she deserves. The adoption of so execrable a policy on the part of the Japanese will be an open defiance of civilization; and the crimes and the arrogance of the Islanders will arouse the indignation of foreign Governments. In fact, Japan will, perhaps, be only effectually opened to the traffic of mankind as a consequence of the present reaction.

The Anti-Slavery Sentiment of England.

Two of our City cotemporaries, wide as the poles asunder on almost every other point, agreed lately in expressing their opinion that the Anti-Slavery Party in England had always inveighed against Slavery before the war, for the express purpose of bringing about a dissolution of the Union; and has taken to defending and palliating Slavery since the war began, for the purpose of making a restoration of the Union impossible. This is the opinion of the *Tribune*, and the *World* triumphantly concurs in it. The attitude of England toward the Secessionists is, however, a phenomenon of sufficient interest to prevent its being disposed of in this remarkably easy and off-hand way. This mode of explaining it is precisely that to which a "pot-house politician," as DICKENS paints him, or the editor of an Arkansas weekly journal, as we all know him, would be likely to resort. There is no error into which weak and provincial wits are so apt to fall in endeavoring to solve political mysteries, as that of applying to the conduct of great masses of men the same rule used in calculating the aberrations of a defaulting clerk, or of a dissipated cobbler. And very frequently philologists, whose range of vision has been very much wider, labor under the same delusion. All England has, for the last year or two, been sitting at the feet of Mr. JAMES SPENCE, of Liverpool, and receiving from his lips the explanation of every incident of the great civil war in America. The tactics of that gentleman's theory of our troubles is the hypocrisy—arrant and unblushing hypocrisy—of the Republican party in their professions of hostility to Slavery. He says they not only do not dislike Slavery, but have never disliked it, and have used it simply as a party cry, in order to get the gentle and patient South into their power for purposes of spoliation and insult. The worst of all this is, that he has got a large portion of the English public to believe him; and it is evident that some of our political instructors here give us credit for similar stupidity and credulity, when they inform us that the Anti-Slavery fever in England was simulated in order to cover a fiendish design upon the American Union.

The truth is, that charges of hypocrisy leveled against nations, or any large bodies of men, are always absurd. Men acting together in masses, or even talking together, are not capable of dissimulation. "The million," as they are called, can neither keep a secret nor conceal their real feelings. The laws which regulate the conduct or thoughts of crowds, are, it is well known, widely different from those which regulate the thoughts and conduct of individuals. Multitudes are capable of the basest as well as of the noblest things; but the one vice which can never be laid to their charge is hypocrisy. The very electric sympathy, bred by association, which sets their whole nervous system on fire, loosens their tongues like wine. They may be cruel, or fickle, or unreasoning, or ignorant, or credulous, but the one thing of which no nation, or mob, or meeting has ever been guilty since the world began, is saying one thing and meaning another. Whatever they denounce, they hate; whatever they clamor for, they really want. They may have designing leaders, and may be swayed by orators more foolish than they are ignorant than themselves, and they may have plenty of knaves in their ranks, but the main body is always sincere and loyal.

There is hardly a fact within our knowledge so clear, and indisputable, as that all that has ever been said in England in denunciation of Slavery was uttered in perfect sincerity. To any one who knows anything whatever of the class of people who composed the Anti-Slavery associations in that country, held Anti-Slavery meetings, and got up Anti-Slavery bazaars, and subscribed for the relief of fugitive Uncle Toms, in our day, to say nothing whatever of the earlier generation who fought the great battle against Slavery in the West Indies, the charge of cloaking political schemes under the mask of philanthropy, is simply ludicrous. To accuse the kindhearted women, and pious dissenters, low Church clergymen, and literary men, and enthusiastic democrats who composed it, of designs upon the Union, is about as sensible as to accuse John A. B. Stetson.

And what makes the theory all the more

absurd is that it is not necessary in order to account for everything we have witnessed. The men who are most clamorous in their demands for mediation or intervention, and who have been most violent in their vituperation of the truth, not only are not, but never have been Anti-Slavery men. Our most bitter enemies, have never opened their lips against "the institution," and are the political successors of those who fought the battle of the slaveholder and Slavery against CLARKSON and WILKESPOURCE and ROMILLY, in both Houses of Parliament. The Tories who are now revealing most heartily in the spectacle of our misfortunes and shortcomings, were not either amongst the admirers of Mrs. STOW, nor the patrons of FREDERICK DOUGLASS, nor members of the Anti-Slavery association. That, however, the Anti-Slavery sentiment has declined in strength of late years among all classes in England, we have little doubt. Devotion to a principle always waxes faint when the pressure of opposition is removed; and Slavery has now for thirty years presented itself to the British mind, simply as a distant evil, which they could do nothing either to mitigate or destroy. But the hostility to it has still retained sufficient force, even amongst those who have least sympathy with the North, to render all efforts at interference abortive. No support, as "Historicus" remarks, in the able letter which we extracted into a recent issue, could be obtained from any considerable portion of the public for any measure tending ever so remotely to give Slavery a fresh lease of life.

And it must not be forgotten, that even if the Anti-Slavery party in England have forsaken us, or revile us, we cannot be very indignant towards them as long as we have a larger party at the North, with its orators and newspapers who abhor the war, and do everything in their power to put an end to it, for the express reason that it is likely to damage Slavery; who glory in our defeat, magnifying our reverses, and vilify our Government because every battle, every march extends the area of free soil; who hug with tenderness, what the rest of Christendom considers our shame and reproach, and who use the very name of "Abolitionist" as a synonym for folly and wickedness.

A Leaf of Our Military History.

The Military Department west of the Mississippi River has had a varied and eventful history. It has been commanded by a Captain, a Committee of Public Safety, two Brigadiers, and three or more Major-Generals; and the transactions of the Department have given rise to more arrests, Courts-martial, investigations by Congressional and other Committees, than any other Department has been blessed or cursed with. Controversies have arisen there which a generation will not outlive—and yet the verdict of the people, who have been bored beyond measure by the constant outcry from the West, will be, that there has been nothing yet developed to justify the space the local troubles of that Department has been allowed to occupy.

The present feature of the Department of the West is the trial of Maj. MCKINSTRY, Chief of the Quartermaster's Department in Gen. FRANKLIN's time. This trial has been progressing about sixty days, and yet seems not near a conclusion. The latest testimony taken by the Court is that of Gen. HANSEN, of the United States Army, an aged and somewhat celebrated officer of the regular service, who held the command of the Department of the West for a few weeks, and was succeeded by Capt. LYON, afterwards Gen. LYON. Gen. HANSEN's evidence has some piquancy, from its arraignment of the War Department and the President for having permitted a Committee of irresponsible citizens in St. Louis to rule the military affairs of the Department, and for permitting FRANK and MONTGOMERY BLAIR to relieve him (HANSEN) of his command. On this latter branch of complaint Gen. HANSEN's testimony is in words as follows:

"This influence was exercised by FRANK BLAIR to such an extent that it caused me to be removed from the command of the Department of the West—in consequence of the base insinuations which he fabricated and communicated to the Administration through his biographer, MONTGOMERY BLAIR. His influence was such with Gen. LYON that I never communicated with Gen. LYON again. I communicated with FRANK BLAIR, and he in turn communicated with Gen. LYON, and thus the influence of FRANK BLAIR was maintained."

In another part of his testimony Gen. HANSEN speaks eloquently of LYON, as "Capt. LYON," called "General LYON"—which is not very becoming, inasmuch as Gen. LYON proved himself not only a General, but a patriot and hero, sealing his devotion to his country with his blood. Nor does Gen. HANSEN make a very strong point against FRANK BLAIR in representing Gen. LYON to have been under his (BLAIR's) influence—entirely. We would all, if we accepted this statement, be prepared to entrust FRANK BLAIR to take as many more of our Generals under his influence as possible—if that influence would only make them as LYON was.

The attack of Gen. HANSEN on MONTGOMERY BLAIR will not be sustained by those who know the latter, for whatever even his enemies may say of him, they do not ever charge him with falsehood. Gen. HANSEN is a veteran officer of the army, and he speaks feelingly of his desire to leave the service, in which his life has been spent, with an untarnished fame. He was, however, exceedingly unfortunate in his brief rule of the Military Department of the West. It will be remembered that the only act of importance that he performed as Commanding General was to make a treaty with CLAU JACKSON, the rebel Governor of Missouri, by which he virtually abandoned the sovereignty of the National Government over the State. JACKSON had telegraphed his infamous reply to President LINCOLN's Proclamation calling for volunteers on the fall of Sumter. He had gone industriously to work under the law of this rebel Legislature to organize the militia of Missouri into a State Guard. He denied to the National Government the right to move National troops across the soil of Missouri for the National defence. And yet Gen. HANSEN entered into formal treaty with JACKSON, yielded

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ON BOARD STEAMER NORTH STAR, Gulf of Mexico, Thursday, Dec. 11, 1862.
To-day completes exactly one week since, with mingled feelings of adventurous exultation at some grand but unknown career of good before us, and sad emotions at quitting the loved ones at home, we saw New-York fade away in the grey distance, as the stanch and gallant North Star, Capt. Larzars, plowed its way majestically through the waters, freighted with its 550 souls, toward whose fate and destination the whole country is doubtless, at this moment, looking with such absorbing interest.

"Where are we going?" was the universal question on board, and one which seemed as far from solution there as it had been for the two last months on land, while the expedition was preparing. For once, Uncle Sam had managed to keep his own secret inviolable, and even those sagacious political ferrets—newspaper correspondents—were completely non-plussed in the profound mazes of mystery that concealed everything. The few prominent officials on board, who might or might not be in possession of the facts of our destination, were all armed cap-a-pie against any intruders in the shape of questioners, and the remotest allusion to our probable or even possible course only drew forth a significant and tantalizing smile. The James River, Charleston, Mobile, New-Orleans, Galveston, and a dozen other places, all had their advocates among the uninitiated, each one brimful of convincing proofs. I am not sure that some do not even fancy we are on our way to Japan, and, when we were a few days out—within thirty miles of the coast of Cuba—ons intelligent mind whispered in my ear that he would "bet his life it was a design against Cuba after all."

Do we know anything more now? Not a whit positively—although negatively we are by this time enabled to draw conclusions which were beyond our reach on shore. For instance, having already sighted the light-house of one of the Bahamas and left the Tortugas far behind us, it may pretty safely be inferred that we are not going up the James River, and equally certain is that we are not going—at present at least—to storm Charleston or Savannah. Beyond this nothing is absolutely known, and cannot be until we actually reach our destination; but there are, unquestionably, sufficient rumors afloat on board, to induce speculators in every kind of opinion. The record of our voyage so far, would be one entirely devoid of anything like exciting interest, and for the very reason that it has been so uniformly calm and delightful. Indeed, it is difficult to realize the conditions that we are not going upon a large picnic excursion, but embarked in one of the most important and momentous expeditions that ever quitted the shores of this or any other country—an expedition in all probability destined, by God's blessing, to strike more radical and telling blow for the redemption of our country, at this critical hour, than anything we have hitherto done by strategy or force of arms.

OFFICERS OF THE EXPEDITION.

My duties would be incomplete, however, did I not attempt a slight picture of the contents of our gallant vessel. First, we have on board Maj.-Gen. N. P. Banks, U. S. A., commanding Expedition, and his Staff, composed of the following gentlemen:
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Lieut.-Col. Wm. S. Abert, Assistant Inspector-General.
Maj. G. N. Lieber, Judge Advocate.
Col. John S. Clark, Aid-de-Camp.
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Second Lieut. N. M. Whitwell, Aid-de-Camp.
Capt. W. S. Hopper, Aid-de-Camp.
First Lieut. C. S. Sargent, Acting Aid-de-Camp.
Maj. Harri Robinson, Volunteer Aid-de-Camp.
Col. Samuel B. Howard, Chief Quartermaster.
Capt. J. W. McCutcheon, Chief Executive Officer—unofficially.
Col. E. G. Beckwith, Chief Commissary.
Berguin H. H. Alexander, Medical Director.
Maj. D. C. Houston, Chief of Artillery.
Capt. W. W. Rowley, Chief Signal Officer.
Francis D'Avisign, Lithographer.
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Maj. W. L. Burt, Aid-de-Camp.
Capt. J. K. Herbert, Aid-de-Camp.

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Major John H. Reuthe, Surgeon.
Capt. H. O. Woodruff, Commissary.
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Capt. Walter Cutting, Aid-de-Camp.
Capt. James Bankard, Aid-de-Camp.
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Capt. M. Ritchie, Aid-de-Camp.
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Capt. Joseph H. H. A. G.
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Capt. A. Huffnuff, Civil Engineer.
W. C. Hawksworth, Civil Engineer.
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T. W. Robbins, Civil Engineer.
C. D. Elliott, Draftsman.

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Major—Lorenzo D. Sargent, Lawrence.
Adjutant—Henry S. Adams, Culpeper.
Quartermaster—Chas. B. Stoddard, Plymouth.
Surgeon—Albert H. Blanchard, Scharbure.
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Captains—Henry T. Lawrence, Roxbury.
Berguin Hopper—John M. Rolston, Charlestown.
Quartermaster—Sergeant—George A. Fiske, Jr., Roxbury.
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OCCUPATIONS AND AMUSEMENTS DURING THE VOYAGE.

For a day or two after leaving home the weather was somewhat cold and gusty, necessitating the free use of overcoats, but as soon as we had passed the redoubtable Cape Hatteras, the air became mild and balmy, and the sea, although not actually calm, to a flock of land birds like ourselves) has been nothing at all approaching what those accustomed to the sea would call rough, and we have hitherto had nothing but a fair sky and genial breezes. Indeed, for the last two days the sun has been shining down upon us with almost Midsummer fervor.

The large number of people we have on board—by no means too many for the capacity of this splendid vessel—prevents us from knowing anything of that monotony so common on shipboard. Apart from the martial air created by the presence of so many officers and soldiers, and the enlivening sounds of the bugle and drum, there is enough social converse among so large a congregation of intelligence to make the days pass most agreeably. Music necessarily forms no small portion of the recreation with which we seek to beguile the passing hours, and we are very fortunate in having not only a splendid military band—that of the Fiftieth Massachusetts voluntarily accompanying Gen. Banks—but also a first-rate glee club—that of the Forty-first Massachusetts, whose performances would do no discredit to some of the best concert-rooms in New-York.

The latter created quite a sensation last night by serenading Gen. Banks with a new unpublished National anthem, called, "Columbia, Hope of the World," which seemed to elicit approbation from the crowd who had descended to the lower cabin to hear it, as well as from Gen. Banks himself, and which, by permission, is dedicated to the General. The music was composed by that prince of musicians, Capt. Ascutt, and the words by one whose name I am not at present permitted to divulge. The fact is, that having been most intimately connected with the author for something more than 40 years, and knowing him to be a man of the most painful modesty, I am unwilling to do such violence to his feelings. As it might be wrong, however, to deny the world in general, and the New-York Times in particular, the pleasure of seeing this very lyrical aspirant to public favor, I herewith produce it:

COLUMBIA! HOPE OF THE WORLD!

Columbia! bright happy land of the West,
Thou fosterer of Freedom's truest friend,
Where man is exulting, untrammelled and blest,
In freedom created by thee.
"Tis sung by the oceans that lave thy glad shores,
'Tis echoed o'er mountains and leas,
'Tis sung where'er the war-cries roar:
"Columbia belongs to the free!"
Then Heaven Columbia cherish and save!
Above her forever triumphantly wave,
Columbia! Hope of the world.
To thee all who suffer by tyrannous doom
Look up, and their bright hopes sustain,
Their shackles grow looser, and lighter their gloom,
While drawing of thee from afar.
And when from the land of oppression they come,
To seek a fond refuge in thee,
Each exile who finds in thy bosom a home
Adores thee, thou shrine of the free!
Thou Queen of the Nations! where Peace spreads her wings,
In joy green fields are arrayed,
But when through thy valleys the war-trumpet rings,
Let them beware of thy blade!
Long live the land of our commonwealth's joy,
The bulwark of liberty be.
And ever united, stand out with one voice,
"God bless thee, thou shrine of the free!"
Then perch the heart that would dim but one ray
Of glory that circles thy name,
And wither the hand that would dare pluck away
One star from thy banner of fame.
By each noble grave, where so peacefully
Lies one whose blood has been shed,
We swear that like them—we will conquer or die,
To ward thee, dear land of the free!

When not confined to his state-room by indisposition, which, fortunately, was not frequently, Gen. Banks has mingled cheerfully with his fellow-voyagers, and won the golden opinions of all by his affable, courteous and kindly bearing. The same may be said of Gen. A. J. Hamilton, Acosta and Gaona; and, in fact, of many of the leading officers under them. A pleasant set of gentlemen it would have been difficult to get together.

GEN. A. J. HAMILTON—THE SOUTHERN UNIONIST.
But perhaps there is no individual on board around whom clusters a deeper interest than Brig.-Gen. A. J. Hamilton, the future Governor of Texas; the more so from the mystery of his position and the martyrdom he has suffered in the cause of his country. It has been not only my pleasure but good fortune to come in daily, almost hourly contact with him and his very able and indefatigable Secretary, Mr. C. P. Shaw; and it was in the course of these delightful conversations that I thought I discovered the main-spring of that magical attraction which has enabled him—a comparative Southern stranger—in the course of only a few months, to win the love, respect and confidence of the entire Northern army. The simple truth is that the General is an honest man; and whatever he says you resolutely have to believe. His fairly, manly frame, seems the very incarnation of truth, courage, and heroic endurance, and as he converses with one in his open-hearted, unassuming manner, upon the great events now passing to our distracted country, every word carries con-

viction to the hearer, and one instinctively longs to unite his destiny with such a man.

Few, even of those who have listened, spell-bound, in New-York to the irresistible—because honest and truthful—story of the Governor, wherein he gave an account of his sufferings in our cause, are aware of how much—how very much has been hitherto kept from the public view; and which is of two sacred and domestic character for me here to reveal. If they only knew all that this truly noble man has undergone and is still undergoing, in his devotion to country and principle, how far higher would he soar in public estimation; and how infinitely deeper would be the abhorrence felt for those against whom he has so long and so nobly been struggling, to the imminent risk of life, fortune, domestic happiness and all that is dearest to man! When history comes to record the names of our martyrs, such men as Brownlow—Col. CHARLES ANDERSON of Texas—ANDY JOHNSON—Bottigny of New-Orleans, and others of that ilk, the name of A. J. HAMILTON will stand high indeed among that glorious fraternity.

What Gov. Hamilton's future course is to be in Texas, it is not for me to state, even if I knew; but if Government should send him forward with the powers he ought to command, you could look for nothing less than the speedy and complete regeneration of the whole of that vast and valuable portion of our Republic. When I say regeneration, I mean that, whenever the blow shall be struck, you will see treason and despotism vanish, and free-soil, free speech, free labor, and free government popularized throughout Western Texas; and this not necessarily by force of arms, but by the simple working of public opinion. I count upon my finding there not so much a military as a moral revolution; though we should, doubtless, be prepared for either.

And what better man could be selected for redeeming the great State of Texas? Gov. HAMILTON is essentially a man of the people, and has always been near and among them. His Congressional District extends over a vast area, from the Rio Grande to the Trinity—an area embracing 180,000 square miles, or two-thirds the whole of Texas; twice the size of France, and four and a half times that of the State of New-York! In this immense region, comprising 200,000 white population, (about half that of the whole State), some 50,000 slaves, and only 3,000 slaveholders, Gov. HAMILTON is intensely popular. There, too, the rebels are known to have less organization, less numbers, less arms, and less motives for disloyalty. Can we doubt what the result must be, should we ever be permitted to witness this staunch and devoted loyalist returned as a redeemer to his suffering people, and backed by the whole power and authority of the United States? A more sublime spectacle of National regeneration was, perhaps, never before presented to the world, than we may yet have a chance of seeing in Texas.

I may have occasion to add a few more remarks before this letter is sent on its destination.

Stopping at Ship Island—Arrival of Transports—Running into a Mud-Bank—Fort St. Philip and Fort Jackson—A Formidable Rebel—The Crescent City—Its Appearance and Condition—Removal of Gen. Butler.

NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, Dec. 15, 1862.
Here we are, at last, at the Crescent City, before which the North Star proudly cast anchor last evening, in one of the most glorious sunsets that the eye could witness.

Before making any comments upon the appearance and general state of things here, it may be well to go back a day or two, so as to make my narrative complete.

It was early on the morning of Saturday, the 13th, that Ship Island, which—in spite of all attempts at concealment—had been, for two or three days previous, pretty well understood as our first stopping-place—came into view. This small island, one of several similar scraps of land forming the southern boundary of the Mississippi Sound, is nothing but an insignificant and barren little sand-bank, with a light-house, a few wooden buildings, and the tents of the regiments now located there. It appears to rise so little above the water level, that at a small distance it seems strange that it is not altogether submerged.

As we approached the island, the first vessel that we neared was the old hulk of the *New-England*, ominous-named, which a great many on board noticed with much glee. It was while anchored here that, for the first time, we caught a glimpse of the transports bearing the brave fellows who were to accompany us. Up to this time, we seemed to have the wide ocean entirely to ourselves. Except a stray sail, which every now and then caught our eye in the distant horizon, and then as quickly disappeared, no vessel whatever seemed to be bearing us company. Many were the comments on board as to the fact of a vessel so richly freighted as ours being left without convoys—utterly unfit as she was for self-defence in case of attack—and every time a glass was leveled at some new-comer in the distance, the cry was raised: "The *Alabama*!" to the amusement of the waggish or stolid, but perhaps to the trepidation of some with weaker nerves.

First came up the *Northern Light*, crowded with troops, then the *Baltic* and *Hibernia*, followed by others, dotting the ocean at long intervals, as far as the eye could reach. It was a grand and inspiring sight. It was 10 A. M. when we arrived at the island. We remained there only two or three hours, during which time we were visited by Paymaster TARRANT, Lieut. CARRUTH, of the flag-ship *Vincennes*, and Brig.-Gen. EXMOR. Gen. BANKS, accompanied by Gen. ACOSTA and Gaona, and a few Staff officers, also went ashore, and Gov. HAMILTON and his Secretary visited the *Hibernia*. Immediately on their return, we were off again to nobody knew where. About 2 o'clock the next morning (Sunday), I was roused from my sleep by feeling a sudden jerk of the vessel, and on going out in the cold moonlight to see what was the matter, found that in feeling our way to the mouth of the Mississippi, we had run into one of the many mud-banks which choke up the waters of these regions. It was not blowing hard, and therefore nobody seemed to care about it, and we were soon out of the mud, and on our way again.

At 6 o'clock A. M. a pilot came on board and took us safely through the bar of the Southwest passage, when we were immediately followed by the various transports. At 10 o'clock we passed Fort St. Philip and Jackson, and, for the first time, I fully realized the matchless glory of that daring exploit of our gunboats under PARAGUT. The forts there are so near each other, and Fort Jackson being all casemated, it is scarcely conceivable how our gallant men succeeded as they did. The forts presented the most beautiful and animated appearance as we passed; the soldiers all cheering and shouting and loud cheers and hurrahs—cheers passing between them and their brave brothers on board, while the colors were dipped and a salute of twelve guns fired in honor of the occasion.

Soon after passing the Quarantine the river became extremely interesting, as we steamed among the orange groves and immense plantations of sugarcane, with their stately white negro quarters, and the rich planters' houses, surrounded by verandas and embedded among evergreen trees, with the dismal cypress and its hanging moss perpetually intervening. Constantly on each bank of the river were to be met gangs of negroes hawking as we passed, and now and then some Seotch who would not give us an equally warm welcome. One fellow, coming with his aquid-looking wife from out of a miserable shanty, began to shake his fist at us and make such grotesque and impudent gestures of defiance, that the soldiers all burst out into a loud roar of laughter, which made the poor "white trash" ten times more frantic.

At 4 o'clock P. M. the domes and spires of the Crescent City burst upon the view in one wide and splendid panorama, and at 5 P. M. we cast anchor, everyone delighted at the thought of once again touching terra firma. The Generals and Staff Officers, at once went ashore, and I—thinking that a similar luxury was open to all civilians, whether repertorial or otherwise—greedily seized the opportunity afforded me of going in the same boat with Gen. HAMILTON and his Staff. It was only when I had got ashore, and was standing in the immense rotunda of the St. Charles Hotel, surrounded by a perfect galaxy of gold buttons and shoulder straps, that I noticed, for the first time, I was the only civilian who had left the vessel. This mishap created some little commotion, as an order—quite unknown to your correspondent—had gone forth that civilians were to remain on board; but as I was innocent, I had no difficulty in setting myself right at headquarters, and if the accident gave me any imaginary advantage over my brethren of the quill, they were more than amply atoned by the fact that I had only one night more of moorings and St. Charles prices than they had.

This morning everybody came on shore—officers and civilians; and any one might have taken New-Orleans for a New-England town. The great hotel of St. Charles, along whose vast and deserted corridors my footsteps echoed last night sepulchral, is crowded to-day almost to overflowing; and every stranger now roaming about the streets, in temporary pursuit of novelty and amusement, being about as ready to expend cash as the New-Orleansites are to see that strange commodity, some few stores are, for the moment only, galvanized with a sort of spasmodic action. The city is very quiet; yes, it is the quietness of the grave. Even an acquaintance with that most dismal of all dismal places—Norfolk, in Virginia—had hardly prepared me for the feeling of downright sadness which crept over me when I first entered New-Orleans this time. A small village may see its population diminish and its industry checked, without presenting any very formidable picture of desolation, but when one sees a vast metropolis like this suddenly struck by universal paralysis, and fairly rotting away in the putrid slime of secession, like one of the wretched plants on its own deserted quays, the effect is truly appalling.

New-Orleans is built upon a scale of magnificence that makes the contrast between her past prosperity and her present misery most painfully striking. Her principal public buildings, hotels, &c., are vast and palatial, often far surpassing, in pretension and architectural merit, buildings of a similar class in New-York. When I thought of the New-Orleans I had seen some years before, with its teeming streets and stores, its boundless levee literally jammed up with barrels, drays and cotton-bales, and the river bristling with masts and funnels along its redundant wharves; when I contrasted all this with its now gloomy, damp and deserted streets, and saw that same levee encumbered with nothing but a few broken planks and piles of oyster shells, here and there, I could almost have fancied myself wandering among the ruins of a second Herculaneum or Pompeii.

But the currency here is one of the most telling proofs of the utter prostration of all commercial dealings. We, in New-York, thought ourselves hard up for currency, but you need only to come here to learn how exceedingly well off you are. The way one of Uncle Sam's "greenbacks" melts in one's hands here, and the little scraps of dirty blue pasteboard which people give back for change, would be positively ludicrous if it were not so formidable.

Of the political aspect of the place—having only just arrived—I am, of course, not enabled yet to give any just estimate; but even the little I have already seen, induces me to think two things: First, that the spirit of rebellion is not extinct; but only kept down by fear; and, second, that slavery in this region is already dead and buried beyond all resurrection. All the proclamations and counter-proclamations in the world cannot now effect the life of a thing that was shoddy by the man who fired the first gun at Fort Sumter.

New-Orleans—like every other place comparatively cut off from the world—lives upon rumors, and we have been regaled with all sorts of information of Burnside being defeated, of our having taken Vicksburg, &c., &c. One item of fact I can now give you, however, and that is an important one: *Maj.-Gen. Butler has been superseded to-day by Maj.-Gen. Banks.* I reserve all comments for my next letter.

Mystery Cleared—Ho! for Baton Rouge—Scenes and Incidents in going up the River—Arrival before Baton Rouge—Challenge of the Iron-Clad Essex Refused—Our Flag on the State House of Baton Rouge—Scenes and Incidents There.

BATON ROUGE, LA., Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1862.
We were not permitted long to enjoy the comforts of city life in New-Orleans, for our leaders, this time, seem to be utterly opposed to anything like letting grass grow under our feet.

As I mentioned in my last letter, we arrived at the Crescent City on Sunday evening, and on Monday night it was suddenly reported that an expedition of very great consequence was going up the river as far as Baton Rouge, and perhaps further, at daybreak to-morrow. This caused considerable flutter among the members of the Press, and left us but very little time to make arrangements; most of us being compelled to remain on the greater part of the night writing our letters, after having obtained the necessary permission from Gen. BANKS to accompany the expedition.

We did not get off quite so early as anticipated; but at 10 o'clock Drum-Major A. B. CHASE—the leader of the glee club, who had so often delighted us during the voyage—sounded his bugle, the shore plank was hauled away, and we were off upon our exciting and momentous mission, in a piercing cold northern wind, that smacked more of New-York than New-Orleans.

Immediately after us, came gliding along the beautiful little screw-propeller *Mary Borden*, crowded with troops, then the *Northern Light*, *United States* and a number of other transports whose names and in what numbers I will not state, although fully cognizant, as the enumeration would be about as uninteresting as it is contraband. But the spectacle was truly grand as they all came up the river together, now running alongside of each other, exchanging plecks and bantering remarks from their crowded decks, and then dropping off again and spreading

themselves apart on the broad surface of the Mississippi, in the most picturesque positions imaginable.

In the evening a ceremony took place on board, which will long be remembered by all who were present. Overcome by the fatigue of the past night, I had laid down in my state-room for a little rest, when I heard singing in the large saloon adjoining, and, on going out, found that the officers, and as many soldiers as could be crowded together below had assembled for Divine service. The chaplain—Rev. Mr. LAW, of Lawrence, Massachusetts, made a prayer and address, which, in fervor and deep pathos I never heard excelled; and all the surrounding circumstances—the fact that on the very morrow those he was addressing might be face to face with the enemy and many in the cold embrace of death—gave his words the most thrilling interest. I saw sturdy and brave-hearted men bow their heads in silence, and eyes that dare to look on death in his most hideous shapes, glisten with tears, when allusions were made to the loved ones at home; but if every heart present melted under the feeling language of their pastor, I am sure they must have been nerve to any amount of human courage and endurance by the glowing picture he drew of a patriot's duty, and his devotion to country and principle. Mr. LAW is the same gentleman who, on the occasion of that terrible disaster, the falling of the Pemberton Mills at Lawrence, made one of the most impressive discourses.

THE EXPEDITION TO BATON ROUGE.

Immediately after Divine service was over, the Adjutant-General read the following order to the soldiers:

HEADQUARTERS EXPEDITION FOR BATON ROUGE, Dec. 16, 1862.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2.—1. The following-named officers are announced as belonging to the staff at these headquarters, viz: Capt. Joseph H. H. A. G., Assistant Adjutant-General; Capt. Francis W. Perkins, Assistant Quartermaster; Capt. J. P. Cowie, Commissary of Subsistence; Lieut. John B. Brown, Aid-de-Camp; Surgeon Thomas B. Read, Medical Director; Major D. S. Houston, Chief Engineer; Lieut. R. M. Hile, Chief of Ordnance; Major H. Robinson, volunteer Aid-de-Camp, of Gen. Banks' Expedition, are temporarily assigned to duty with this expedition. The above-named officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly. 2. Upon the embarkation of the troops of this expedition, no pilage or appropriation of property of any kind will, under any circumstances, be allowed. In accordance with orders from these headquarters, and then only by the proper staff officers, who will give receipts to the owners for the same. 3. The troops will be prepared to embark in light marching order. By order of
BRIG.-GEN. GROVER,
Commanding-General.

J. H. HUBERT, JR., A. A. G.
During the night we approached the fleet of gunboats which had preceded us, and Brig.-Gen. Gaona, the leader of our present expedition, went on board the flagship *Richmond*. When morning rose, calm, clear and beautiful, we found ourselves nearly at Baton Rouge, and under the protection of the redoubtable iron-clad Essex, the flagship *Richmond*, the *Albatross*, the *Cayuga*, *Winona* and *Kaskadin*—some in front and some behind us.

The order came for all of us to move up near to the *Richmond*, and immediately the whole fleet of transports were in motion, ours—the *North Star*—taking the lead, and we anchored right in front of the town, when not a soul was to be seen on the levee, except here and there a wandering contraband, although the rebels were thought to be present.

At 9 o'clock precisely, the *Essex* fired herself broadside to the shore (the United States and the *Spaulding* close to me immediately behind her,) and then thundered forth her first note of defiance to the enemy. The few moments that followed were exciting. "Will they reply?" was the foremost thought with everyone. Having no reply, the *Essex* fired another shot and waited, then repeated the dose six or eight times, the shells bursting directly over the woods where the enemy were supposed to be encamped, and the *Cayuga* followed suit, by firing one gun.

Finding that the enemy was not inclined to fight, the process of disembarking the troops immediately commenced, and a half hour had not elapsed before we had taken down the rebel signal flag, and the flag of the United States was proudly floating over the State House, placed there by a portion of the crew of the *Essex*. "Three cheers for the flag of the Union!" cried the only fellows from the shore, and the cheers were lustily given by the soldiers from every vessel within sound of the call. The ease with which we got possession of the place surprised everybody. There was no flag of truce business—no demand to surrender; we simply walked in and occupied our own.

THE CONDITION OF BATON ROUGE.

We took, of course, the opportunity of landing and going through the town, every avenue and street of which, in the space of an hour, was guarded by our own sentinels. We learnt from such of the inhabitants as we conversed with, that the rebellion there—variously estimated at from 500 to 600—had left the place only that morning; indeed, that they were not entirely away when the *Essex* fired her first gun. The skeleton that then took place must have been amusing in the extreme, judging from the ludicrous description I heard of one soldier only giving of her terrified and fugacious master, to a large group of our soldiers at a street corner, and with all the gesticulation and mimicry common to her race. We heard of only one man killed by our shelling—a member of FANNIN'S New-Orleans Battery.

In walking through the town, we saw more than enough to corroborate all we heard of the rebels having so recently occupied the same ground on which we were standing. In a Catholic Church, at which some had been present, the candles were still burning, and at the State House and Penitentiary—both standing with their doors wide open, and totally deserted—we found their morning fires still blazing. In the Penitentiary we also saw their mattresses lying neglected on the floor, precisely as they had sprung from them to take to their heels. The barracks and the white walls scrawled all over, in black and red chalk, with names, both of our own and the rebel soldiers, the place having changed masters three times already. Among the many noble rebel sentiments we found on the walls was this: "Death to all who worship negroes as their brethren. Damn Union." Another one read: "You are fighting for your negro brothers, not for the Union."

Baton Rouge is a much smaller place than a stranger would expect to find in the capital of Louisiana; for, even in prosperous times, her population cannot exceed 5,000. It is prettily situated on a bluff about 20 feet above the highest overflowing water-mark. The streets are level, and uniformly laid out with neat detached houses surrounded by piazzas and plenty of shade trees, and the only public buildings of any note are four or five churches, a college, the barracks, Penitentiary and State House. The latter, built in what might be best termed the wedding-cake style of architecture, is an edifice of considerable pretension.

But what a picture of desolation the whole presented as one's almost solitary footsteps echoed through the quiet and deserted streets! Scarcely a store of any kind open, and even those with nothing but their bare bones, house hermetically sealed, with here and there a melancholy female face furtively peeping through the plausibly blinds, or some meditative old man pacing alone his gloomy veranah, and evidently scowling his anathema at you as you passed, and neglected darkies, rambling purposeless along, or grouped at distant intervals in knots of two or three, to discuss, in timid whispers, passing events, their relation to which they understand full well—were the only human objects that met the eye, except now and then we chanced to cross the path of

some solitary "secesh" pinning about, with nothing for his hands to do but play with the bottom of his empty pockets, and who was sure to meet us with a fixed stare of defiance. Not a single white female or decently-dressed child to be seen in the streets, (most of them being left, and the few remaining being concealed in their houses), not the sound of a single wheel to break the painful silence, any more than in the water streets of Venice; the very dogs and other animals ynn chance to meet seem to hang their heads and tails in despondency, and even the poor baraboured little urchins, who appear to divide the whole town with the darkies, have evidently forgotten what it is to play. Had some dreadful and unparalyzing pestilence just swept over Baton Rouge, it could not have presented a more gloomy and mournful spectacle than it did when we entered it this morning.

One thing struck me with surprise here, and that is the great intelligence I found among the poor little barefooted children that were wandering about the landing and streets, apparently without any home or protectors. I was sitting alone on the bluff, making a sketch of the river scene, when a whole bevy came round to watch me, conversing freely upon the merits and demerits of my pictures, with all the acuteness and correctness of any well-grown critic. My notebook being open at my side, one of them—a little fellow between 8 and 10—began to read aloud from it for the benefit of his companions. This summary introduction of course brought about a conversation between us, and as the lighter the straw the better we see which way the wind blows, I am not sure but that the prattle of these little fellows gave me as good an insight into the real state of feeling toward us, among the adult white population, as I could have got from the latter themselves, even had they afforded me the chance.

"What are you all, youngsters? Union or Seceesh?" I asked.
"Union, Sir," simultaneously exclaimed the half-dozen tiny voices, with a decision that surprised me.
"On, yes, it's very well to tell me that, with all those blue-coats coming up the hill, but were you not all Seceesh yesterday?"

"No, Sir," we were always Union," firmly replied the leader—the same who had been reading from my notebook—"we ain't afraid of your soldiers, either; when they come here we know we are going to have something to eat."

"Don't you have anything to eat, then, when the rebels are here?"

"Scarcely anything, Sir; there isn't a thing they see they don't take;" and then the whole of them began eagerly, at once, to give his individual experience of cases of extortion and oppression among poor families, with which I could fill a column.

"But though you are for the Union, my little friends," I continued, "I guess your parents are all Seceesh."

"No, Sir, mma ain't," cried one; "they took the oath."

"So did mma," chimed in all the others.
"Don't you think your parents took it because they were afraid of us?" I asked, turning to my young friend of the notebook.

"No, Sir; father and mother were always Union. I wish you could have seen how the took care of a sick Michigan soldier for three months; he used to call her mother, and the soldiers always loved father and mother. I wish I could show you my mother, Sir."

I said I would be delighted to see her, and shortly after set out with the boy to show me through the town, which he did most effectually, pointing out not only every building and thing of note, but every well-known Union or Seceesh dwelling in the place. I am sorry to say the former were in a lamentable minority, although there were some; and others again he told me had taken the oath, but he didn't think they were "good for much."

Upon the whole, from the information I gleaned during my visit to Baton Rouge—where I also had the opportunity of conversing with some of the few storekeepers whose establishments were still open—I am persuaded that, whatever the feelings of the wealthy may be, the sympathies of the poorest classes, and those who live by labor or trade, even if originally leaning toward the rebels, would now be toward us, if we come quickly and in power to pluck them from the abyss of misery into which they are plunged. Only let them, in their helplessness, feel that we have not only the will but the power to shield them with perfect impunity to themselves—only let the defeat of their leaders teach them that to come back under the good old flag of the Union they have fought to fear from.

"Those niggers'd lings of sabre swag,"
With fronts of brass and feet of clay,"
And I believe, that even in this distant slave region, there is yet chance of fanning these feeble embers into a flame of devotion to the Union—Slavery or no Slavery.

We have heard here of a daring attack having been made on Sunday last, a little before Port Hudson, by the rebels upon the

Movements of European Steamers.

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New-York	Dec. 24	Southampton	New-York
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Saxonia	Jan. 28	Southampton	New-York
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The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, MONDAY, DEC. 29, 1862.

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LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—BLONDETTE. OR, THE NAUGHTY PRINCE AND FAIRY PRINCESS.
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PALACE OF MUSIC HALL—LUCY'S BOSSIE.
NEW HALL OF ART (No. 65 Broadway)—BARNARD'S PARADE OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND THE WAR.
BROOKLYN ARENA—NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The mystery of the Banks' expedition is now entirely cleared up. By the arrival at this port yesterday of the steamships *Roscoe* and *Potomac*, the first from New-Orleans on the 18th and the second on the 19th inst., we learn of its arrival at that city, where Gen. BANKS has established his headquarters as Commander of the Department of this Gulf—Gen. BUTLER being superseded by him. Our special correspondence this morning gives full details of all that has transpired, from the time Gen. BANKS left New-York on board the *North Star*, to the date of the sailing of the *Potomac*, including the General Order of farewell issued by Gen. BUTLER to his soldiers, and the proclamation of Gen. BANKS on assuming command. The first duty assigned to Gen. BANKS is the opening of the Mississippi, in conjunction with the expedition going down the river from Cairo, and already a portion of his force had gone to Baton Rouge and taken possession of that city, and preparations were being made for an attack on the rebel fortifications at Port Hudson, fifteen miles above—unless, indeed, the rebels had already evacuated that point, which was rumored in New-Orleans when the *Potomac* left. A report was also in circulation that Vicksburg had been evacuated; but this is probably an error, as we should here have heard of such an occurrence by way of Memphis and Cairo. The change in Commanders in the Department—which, by the way, now includes Texas—of course created considerable excitement in New-Orleans. Gen. BUTLER had appointed a day for the reception of his friends, and was expected to leave for New-York on Tuesday, the 23d inst., on board the *North Star*.

The Vanderbilt steamship *Ariel*, which arrived at this port from Aspinwall on Saturday night, on her outward trip, was captured by the pirate *Alabama* on the 7th inst., near the east end of Cuba. She was detained until the 10th inst., and then allowed to proceed on her voyage, after giving a ransom bond in the sum of \$225,000. She had on board a quantity of arms and ammunition, which was taken out by the *Alabama*, and a detachment of one hundred and twenty marines who were paroled. Among other plunder taken was \$8,000 in "greenbacks" belonging to WELLS, FARGO & CO. This pirate seems to have overtaken the *Ariel* with the greatest ease.

The rebel schooner *Relief*, 67 tons, 5 days from Mobile, arrived at Havana on the 21st inst., with cotton. She reports that the steamer *Florida* (alias *Oreto*) had got out of Mobile with 100 men on board, having passed the blockade during the night.

Twenty-five hundred rebel cavalry, with six pieces of artillery, under command of FITZGERALD LEE, attacked our forces at Dumfries, on Saturday afternoon, and after a brisk fight of some three hours were repulsed, and retreated toward Warrenton, our cavalry in pursuit. Our loss was slight. It is believed that the rebels subsequently encountered a portion of Gen. STODOLSKY's command, at Wolf River, as cannonading was heard in that direction. We also have a rumor that the rebels yesterday surprised a party of our cavalry at Occoquan, this side of Dumfries, and captured several supply wagons.

Dr. JOHN SWINBURNE, of Albany, in a private letter written from Washington, states that the army is about to make an important movement—the character of which, however, he is not at liberty to mention. Dr. SWINBURNE will be recalled, left home, immediately after the battle of Fredericksburg, for the scene of that disastrous conflict, to render gratuitous service to the wounded.

JEFF. DAVIS has issued a proclamation which exceeds in mendacity and savagery all which have preceded it. It is directed against Gen. BUTLER and his officers; against all officers found in arms with slaves, and against all slaves found "in insurrection." He starts off with a preamble with an infinite number of *whereases*—in the very first one of which he tells an untruth, in stating that MEXICO was being by Gen. BUTLER for pulling down an American flag in New Orleans before the city was occupied by the United States forces—and ends with ordering—first, that BUTLER and all his commissioned officers are to be hung when caught; second, that the privates under his command, not being free agents, will be paroled according to the usages of war; third, that all slaves captured in arms shall be delivered to the authorities of the respective States to which they belong, to be dealt with according to law; and fourth, that a like course shall be taken with all commissioned officers found serving with slaves.

Another demonstration on the Louisville and Nashville railroad has been made by the guerrilla JOHN MORGAN. He entered Glasgow on Wednesday with a force of three thousand cavalry. He was opposed by three companies of the Second Michigan cavalry, but the latter finally fell back to Munfordville. On Thursday the rebels, who had advanced to Bear Wallow, near Cane City, were attacked by a force of our troops and driven off, after damaging the railroad to some extent at Glasgow Junction. Several rebels were captured during the skirmish.

General ROSENCRANS has issued an order for the stoppage of all boats now in the vicinity of the falls at Louisville, and their detention until further orders.

The rebel General JEFF. THOMPSON is back again to his old "stamping ground." He is reported to be at Pocahontas, Ark., with between five and six thousand infantry, mostly Missouri and Arkansas troops, besides two regiments of cavalry and one battery. Pocahontas is near the Missouri State line, below Pilot Knob.

Thirty-seven rebel prisoners arrived in Wheel-

ing on Wednesday last. The *Intelligencer* gives the following particulars of their capture:—"About the first of the present month Gen. CROOK, commanding at Brownstown, in West Virginia, dispatched Major EMERY SCHAEFER, of the Twenty-eighth Ohio regiment, on a scouting party. They marched one hundred and sixty miles, and fell in with the traitor FLOYD, whom they drove across the Big Sandy river into Kentucky. They also burned the town of Logan, along with the residence and other buildings of the late Secretary; broke up a gang of bushwhackers, and finally returned with thirty-seven prisoners and about a hundred cattle. The prisoners were in charge of Capt. KENNEDY, Assistant Adjutant-General to Gen. CROOK, who turned them over to the Provost-Marshal at the Aikenham. Capt. KENNEDY also brought with him three or four deserters from different regiments."

Five thousand Germans have notified Hon. ELI THAYER that they are willing to settle in Florida upon the terms of his plan of restoring that State to the National Government. One thousand of these Germans now reside in St. Louis, Mo.

There will be a large amount of over seventy millions—due the army in the course of a week, and there are rumors that Mr. CHASE will endeavor to secure the sum by means of a loan.

GENERAL NEWS.

By the steamship *Roscoe*, which touched at Havana on her trip from New-Orleans, we receive an important document bearing on the present condition of affairs in Mexico, which we translate. It is the manifesto of the Representatives of the States of Mexico in Congress assembled against the French invasion, and an appeal to the Mexican people to resist it to the last extremity.

The *Roscoe* also brings us our Havana correspondence to the 20th inst. In it we have a curious story of the manner in which the pirate *Alabama* escaped from the *San Jacinto* at Martinique, which is probably more fanciful than true. The new Captain-General of Cuba, DULCE, seems inclined to commence an earnest crusade against the slave-trade, which has been carried on to an enormous extent during the administration of his predecessor. Nine steamers, it is understood, are to be sent from Spain, especially to look after the traffickers in human flesh. Other important reforms are also about to be inaugurated on the island.

This mail by the *Europa* arrived in this city yesterday. We give elsewhere in the *Times* such extracts from our Foreign files brought by her as are of sufficient interest. The steamship *Glasgow*, from Liverpool on the 10th, and Queenstown on the 11th inst., arrived at the port yesterday. Her news is not so late as the *Europa's*.

Data from Venezuela are to the 22d ult. The insurgents of Maracaibo have manifested their desire for reconciliation with the Government. The Archbishop of Caracas has gone on the mission of receiving their submission, and of pardoning the names of those who have been past offenders. Two schooners-of-war have sailed from Puerto Cabello to add to those blockading Maracaibo, and more are being fitted out in that place with the same object. The Government has been victorious in skirmishes at Victoria, Maracai, Cagua, and other places. Gen. FALCON is about to be "bagged," as he is between the forces of GENS. CAMERO and RUBIN.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. A preamble and resolutions by Mr. FANLEY, relative to the death of Maj. WILLIAM HURGAN, of MEAGUIR'S Irish Brigade, who was killed at Fredericksburg, were adopted. They offer the condolence of the Common Council with the family of the deceased on his loss, and direct the Committee on National Affairs to receive his remains, and take charge of the funeral. [The funeral took place at 2 o'clock P. M. yesterday, at the residence of Mrs. Horgan, in the city.] The Board also received from the Central Park Commission, urging the necessity of a further appropriation, to enable them to proceed economically with their work. They state that the improvements above One Hundred and Second street cannot be proceeded with advantage until the question is settled whether the line between One Hundred and Sixty and One Hundred and Seventy streets is to be added to the Park. Their liabilities amount to \$175,000, and no more money will be wanted to complete the Park than has been authorized for the purpose by the Legislature, of which \$555,000 remains to be raised. So far the expenditure amounts to \$3,595,330 75. Add to this sum the cost of the land, \$3,788,751 37, and the total outlay for the Park has been \$7,384,082 12. Messrs. FROST and FARLEY endeavored, but without success, to have the paper published. It was referred to the Finance Committee, who have before them other matters in regard to the Park. The Mayor's veto of the resolution to increase the salary of the President of the Croton Board to \$5,000 per annum, and to increase the salaries of some of the subordinates in the same Department, was overruled 10 to 1. The Board adjourned till 1 o'clock Monday.

Coroner RANNEY held an inquest yesterday at the Twenty-seventh Precinct Station-house, upon the body of a woman named MARGARET McLAUGHLIN, aged 45 years, who came to her death at the hands of her brother, AUSTIN BERRY. The testimony shows that the woman was most brutally murdered by being beaten, cut, thrown down stairs, and then strangled by her brother. The jury rendered a verdict to that effect, and the Coroner committed the offender to the Tombs to await the action of the Grand Jury.

It is stated that by constructing a canal about three-fourths of a mile in length, from St. Johns Lake to Lake Traver, a steamboat from St. Paul could navigate both the Minnesota River and the Red River of the North to Lake Winnipeg, a distance of 700 miles. The country traversed by these rivers is surprisingly fertile, and capable of sustaining a dense population. Lake Winnipeg is larger than Lake Ontario, and receives the waters of the Red River from the West. The Sas-katch-a-wan River is navigable to a point (Edmonton House) near the Rocky Mountains, 700 miles west of Lake Winnipeg, and only 150 miles east of the celebrated gold diggings on Fraser River, in British Columbia. The digging of this canal, if carried out, would, therefore, enable a steamboat to sail from New-Orleans to pass into Lake Winnipeg, and from thence to Edmonton House, some 5,000 miles! A bill has been introduced into the Senate, which makes provision for the building of the canal.

The Manchester, (Vt.) Journal says that large quantities of cotton, taken from the masts and rigging of ships, are being shipped from Vermont to Massachusetts.

The corporation of Troy is about to issue shillings of the denomination of five cents. The city gives \$20 interest per day on the \$5,000 of this currency now in circulation.

Acting Gov. W. F. N. ARMY of New Mexico, delivered his message to the territorial legislature at Santa Fe, on the 22d inst. He received the establishment of a daily mail between Fort Leavenworth and Santa Fe, via Topeka and Fort Larned.

The iron-clad battery *Patapsco*, one of the *Monitor* fleet, arrived at Philadelphia from Wilmington (Del.) on Friday, having steamed the distance, which is between twenty-eight and thirty miles, in two hours and three quarters. Most of the time she had the tide with her.

The Stock market was active and higher on Saturday, the speculation in the Railway Shares being unusually spirited. Gold, 132½. Exchange, 145½@146½ cent.

Business was quite moderate in Flour and Wheat, on Saturday, and in Corn, the latter sold at slightly advanced prices. A good inquiry prevailed for Cotton, Hay and Hops at buoyant rates. Provisions were in less demand; Mess Pork was a shade dearer. Groceries were quiet. No important changes occurred in other branches of trade. Government contracts for Flour, Rice, and Coffee were awarded. The total number of vessels of all classes in port was 515.

THE NEWSPAPER PRESS AND THE WAR.—Mr. WEEK, the editor of the *Albany Evening Journal*, writing from Washington, says:

"I believed then, and I do most strongly now, that this rebellion would have been subdued ere this, if, at the outbreak, the Government had suppressed every daily newspaper which contained a line or a word upon the war question, except to give the results of engagements. Our daily journals have kept the Confederates minutely and seasonably informed. The greater the vigilance and accuracy of these journals, the greater their value to the enemy."

If this belief is well founded it is deeply

to be regretted that this policy was not pursued. The sacrifice of every newspaper in the country would have been, and would still be a small price to pay for the suppression of the rebellion.

But the course recommended by Mr. WEEK was wholly unnecessary. The same end could have been attained by other means. If the Government had by some authentic act directed, or even requested the newspaper Press not to publish any information whatever on the war, except to give results, its wishes would have been rigidly respected; and if they had not, the Government would then have had good ground for enforcing them. It preferred to establish a censorship, and thus to assume the responsibility of editing the war news in the daily newspapers. Of course, the Editors proper felt relieved from responsibility and published whatever the Government censor allowed to come. But this attempt on the part of the Government was partial, fitful, and therefore fruitless. The Washington journals were exempted from all restriction; the supervision was confined to the telegraph; no discrimination or steady appreciation was shown in the exercise of the power assumed, and as a necessary consequence the attempt broke down.

If the Government really suffers injury from the publication of war news by the Press, and will make a judicious effort to check the evil, it will have no difficulty in doing so. Whether the people would consent that "not a line or a word upon the war question" should be uttered by the Press, may be a little doubtful.

The Banks Expedition.

The fog which hung so long and so heavily over the Banks Expedition lifts this morning. Our copious correspondence announces its progress and arrival at New-Orleans, and the departure of a detachment from it up the Mississippi River. Its principal mission is to cooperate with the descending expedition in opening that river to free and unobstructed navigation, and in holding it permanently for the Government of the United States.

No event has happened for many months which smote the public heart with so acute a sense of disappointment, as the failure of Gen. BANKS to cooperate, by going up the James River, with Gen. BURNSSIDE in his advance upon Richmond. It seemed to everybody so evidently the thing to be done—it seemed so clear that if it had been done BANKS would have so divided the rebel force in front of Fredericksburg as to give BURNSSIDE a brilliant and decisive victory, that the great mass of the people have not yet forgiven the Administration for what they regard as the crowning fatal blunder of the whole campaign. Natural and almost universal as it is, it does not seem to us wholly reasonable. Whether BANKS, by advancing upon Richmond from the South, could have produced the results so eagerly hoped for and so confidently predicted, is at least open to doubt. But it should be remembered that the expedition was planned and set on foot long before BURNSSIDE took command of the Army of the Potomac, and of course, long before the plan of advancing on Richmond by way of Fredericksburg had been formed. It grew out of other necessities, and was designed to meet other emergencies of the public service than those in which the fate of Richmond was directly involved.

It will be remembered that Gen. BUTLER, by the very vigor and energy of his administration, had involved the Government in some very embarrassing complications with Foreign Powers, and especially with France. In September these had reached such a point as to lead to the appearance of a French squadron in the immediate vicinity of New-Orleans, an act not intended probably as a menace, but still sufficiently unusual to disturb the sensibilities of our Government and people. While the President, therefore, had no thought or purpose of censuring the actions of Gen. BUTLER, it may very naturally have been felt that the differences to which that action had given rise, could more easily be adjusted under the auspices of another commander. The military policy for the Gulf Department, moreover, was probably about to undergo some changes, and to embrace features which required the presence of a commander less committed by his acts and opinions than Gen. BUTLER had necessarily become. Within the next sixty days, the Department of the Gulf will unquestionably become the scene of the most important movements of the war; and it demands, more than any other, the presence of an officer who adds great political sagacity and firmness to military skill, and whose character and conduct command the confidence of the whole country. All will concede that to no man could this responsible and delicate task be more safely and fully assigned than to Gen. BANKS.

Gen. BUTLER is not removed from his command; he is simply *outranked* by Gen. BANKS. No censure is expressed or implied upon his official conduct by the proceeding. It gives no just ground for the imputations in which some of the opposition journals have seen fit to indulge, nor can JEFFERSON DAVIS regard it as having been in the slightest degree brought about by his denunciations and threats. The Government finds it necessary to adopt a policy, both in military affairs and in its negotiations with foreign States, which will be aided by the substitution of another commander. And Gen. BUTLER, as will be seen by his order on taking leave of his troops, accepts the action of the Government as in no sense hostile or disparaging to him.

After having formed his plans and organized the Banks Expedition for the purpose of carrying them out as long ago as in September, the Government could scarcely have laid them aside and made them subordinate to the December movement of Gen. BURNSSIDE, upon the rebel capital; and much as we must deplore the failure of Gen. BURNSSIDE's attempted advance—a failure which would probably not have been averted if Gen. BANKS had gone

up the James River, the country may yet see reason for regarding the movement of the latter as the most important of the two, and for rejoicing that he was not diverted from its prosecution.

The Capture of the Ariel.

One of the most astounding miracles of modern science occurred on Saturday last, when the City of New-York obtained from the City of San Francisco, the first intelligence of a startling event, occurring in our immediate vicinity and affecting largely our property and citizens. The steamship *Ariel*, belonging to Commodore VANNAMEL, which left New-York on the 1st inst., was captured, off the east coast of Florida, on the 7th inst., by the Confederate privateer, the *Alabama*, detained till the 10th, and then on a ransom bond for \$225,000 being given, "payable thirty days after the recognition of the Southern Confederacy," was permitted to continue her voyage to Aspinwall, which place was reached on the 12th inst. From Aspinwall the news was borne across the Isthmus to Panama; and from Panama, conveyed north along the Pacific coast several thousand miles to San Francisco; and from San Francisco it is sent back toward the East, four thousand miles overland, to New-York City. Thus the Pacific Ocean becomes the reporter of deeds done in the Atlantic waters, and in the track of one of its most frequented routes of travel.

The delay in the arrival of the *Ariel* had already begun to excite uneasiness in the minds of her owners and the shippers of treasure; and the dispatch from San Francisco, detailing her encounter with the pirate, had prepared them to mourn her as "down among the dead men" of the fathomless ocean. But happily the *Ariel*, in proper person, steamed into port before the evening was past, and cut short the several obituaries that were in preparation for the occasion.

It is not worth while to recapitulate here any part of the account so fully given elsewhere in the *Times* of this new outrage of the rebel privateer upon American commerce. This form of annoyance has become somewhat chronic. The public Press has uttered, as frequently as it need, the popular vexation that such a state of things should exist. The Navy Department has been chided, entreated and exhorted to take adequate steps to redeem the Nation from the humiliation, not to speak of the losses, that a contemptible foe has been inflicting on it, for a year and a half, on the high seas. Every fresh outrage, whether by the *Sumter*, the *Nashville*, or the *Alabama*, has been followed by a spasmodic movement of our men-of-war in pursuit. But with all our boasted maritime strength, and under all the aggravation the continued and impudent robbing and burning of our helpless ships at sea could inspire, our navy has failed to appease the public impatience by a single capture of a privateer. Nor does it appear that the Department is any better prepared to-day than it was a year ago to meet this particular mode of rebel warfare—save in the possession of one vessel of speed—the *Vanderbilt*—which was a gift to the Government from the owner of the *Ariel*, and not the result of any wise provision of the Navy Department to meet such contingencies as threaten our commerce.

The semi-weekly receipts of gold at the port of New-York from mines of California, perform a very important part in sustaining public confidence and supporting the credit of the Government. Each steamer from Aspinwall has been bringing us about \$1,000,000. And the loss of a single shipment by rebel capture, followed, as it would be, by disturbances and uncertainties in the regular flow of the precious metal in its accustomed channels in future, would involve disasters, not only to the people, but to the Government credit, outweighing all probable cost of measures necessary to avert such a catastrophe.

In the present case of the *Ariel*, it seems we are indebted to two causes for having escaped with comparative impunity from the clutches of the notable *Saxmex*. One is good luck, the other is the distinguished clemency of the Confederate corsair! By good luck, the *Alabama* overhauled the *Ariel* on her voyage to Aspinwall, and not on her return, treasure-laden, to New-York. And the purpose of *Saxmex* to burn the *Ariel*,—his usual practice when he takes valuable American ships—was turned aside by the appeal of Capt. JONES in behalf of the passengers of the *Ariel*, who by the destruction of the ship would be subjected to much hardship from an enforced delay on the Island of Jamaica, where *Saxmex* proposed to land them.

Upon the whole, seeing that we can make nothing by fretfulness or anger over the renewed exhibition of our national impotence at sea, it is best to endure it patiently if possible. It rests with the Navy Department to determine how long we are to be subjected to such a humiliating position. Each day's continuance of what is a mortification and disgrace adds to the heavy burden of discontent and grief that the people are very tired of bearing.

For the individuals themselves whose fate it is to fall into the hands of *Saxmex*, we do not see that we can properly express any sympathy. He seems to treat all such persons with most distinguished consideration. His dress is faultless if not fastidious—his manners mild and "beautiful"—his generosity of the "gushing" type—he can hardly restrain the grief he feels at being driven by the oppressions of his beloved South to the rude practices of privateering. The passengers of the *Ariel* who reached California (we are told by the San Francisco dispatch) were profuse in their praises of the gallant *Saxmex*, and Capt. JONES himself, who spent considerable time metaphorically "in bonds" on the *Alabama*, bears willing testimony to the cleanliness of the ship, the discipline of the crew, and the general courtesy and good conduct of all on board of her. If we are obliged to have "pirates" afloat, we should thank the Navy Department for such as *Saxmex*.

The Black Flag.

The legislation of all the Slave States, even in time of peace has, so far as related to slave property, been of a very desperate character. In all the ordinary restrictions imposed by humanity, civilized usage and sound principles of criminal jurisprudence, have been entirely disregarded. The one great object of the slave code has been to strike the greatest possible amount of terror into slaves and "Abolitionists;" and for this purpose cruel and unusual punishments have always had a preference. Cases occurred too, every year, in almost every county, in which the law, sanguinary and ferocious as it was, was found too slow or too mild to satisfy public feeling, and the mob was left to work its own will by burnings alive and torturings of greater or less atrocity. If we had chosen to conduct the war with religious respect for Slavery, and had cautiously forbore to meddle with it, this savage policy might, perchance, never have been put into force against us. Not that the Southern mob would not have devised it, for the propriety of hoisting the black flag has been a subject of discussion and commendation in the Southern papers ever since the battle of Bull Run; but the leaders were too wary to resort to it, as long as our intentions touching the "institution" were harmless. It was their last bolt, and to hurl it before we came to close quarters would have been the height of imprudence.

But now that the National Government has announced its intention not only not to have Slavery untouched but to use it as a weapon of warfare, the black flag is flaunted in our faces by JEFFERSON DAVIS himself. In other words, he declares his intention to introduce into the conduct of the war, for the protection of Slavery, the same desperate and unscrupulous practices by which it has been the fashion of slaveowners to defend it in time of peace. The period chosen for the issue of the Proclamation renders it all but certain, however, that its first object is to shake the nerves of the North with regard to the policy about to be inaugurated by Mr. LINCOLN, on the 1st of January. Whether it will succeed in this, time only can tell; but it serves the purpose, for the present, of completely disposing of the "brutum fulmen" objection to the emancipation decree, of which we hear so much at the North. The hilarity with which the alleged futility of the measure has inspired so many semi-sectish writers and orators here, is evidently not shared by Mr. DAVIS. However amusing it may seem to them, their great hero at the South has, in the most solemn manner, under his hand and seal, declared that he at least "does not see the force of it." More effective testimony to its value as a purely military weapon we could not possibly have.

As to the duty of our Government at this crisis, there are certain points on which it is clear, however doubtful it may be on others. As regards Gen. BUTLER and his officers, it has, by retaining him in office at New-Orleans formerly though tacitly approved of each of his acts, and of such portions of his policy, as have come to its knowledge. With all those of Davis' charges against him which are true, or have a foundation of truth, there can be no doubt that it had been made fully sequent. It is consequently bound by every conceivable consideration to stand by him to the last extremity. If he, or any officer serving under his command, is captured and hanged, honor and policy alike require that a full measure of retaliation should be meted out. If he has been guilty of crimes in our service, it is as incumbent on our Government to punish him for them; but to allow the rebels to take that task out of its hands, would be in the highest degree humiliating to us as a nation, and in the highest degree demoralizing for our army.

As to the employment of slaves as soldiers, or the use of them in any way in aid of military operations against the rebels as DAVIS employs them himself all over the South, and as there were actually three thousand armed negroes with his army during the campaign in Maryland, his objection to our using them, based on the "dictates of reason and the instincts of humanity," is so absurd that we feel satisfied he intends it for European circulation. If the arming of blacks against whites in warfare be an atrocious thing, we are at the North fairly entitled to the benefit of the rule, and we think a legitimate deduction from it would be the impropriety of using them to support and clothe white men who are engaged in killing us. Whether blacks slay us with muskets, or raise corn to feed their masters while they are doing it, or build intrenchments for them to stand behind while they are shooting at us, makes no difference in the mind of any reasonable man.

But if the Confederates begin to massacre all negroes in our service, or white officers in charge of them, we take it to be clear that it is our duty not to retaliate. The only thing to be said about it is that it will render the service in which we are engaged more desperate. To imitate the barbarities of desperate and enraged barbarians is a thing which religion, humanity, and the usage of civilized nations and our own self-respect alike forbid.

When a Christian nation is engaged in war with Turks or Montenegrins, it does not cut off the heads of wounded captives because this is the custom of their enemies. We do not scalp or torture Indian prisoners, because Indians scalp and torture ours. If there be any truth in the boasts we have so often made of the superiority of our civilization over that of the South, it ought to show itself in a crisis of this sort. And we shall have the consolation of knowing that their intolerance in any atrocities which either their experience or imagination may suggest to them, will not advance their object by one iota. No war was ever in the least affected by hanging or cutting throats in cold blood. Our reliance, if we can come through this struggle victorious, must be on

discipline, skill and courage. We may leave to them the butchery of prisoners, with the fullest assurance that it will not affect the final result in the smallest degree.

The Case of Mumford—The Occupation of New-Orleans.

The main point made by JEFF. DAVIS, in his proclamation pronouncing Gen. BUTLER "a felon," who, when caught, shall be "immediately executed by hanging," is that "Wm. B. MUMFORD, a citizen of the Confederate States, had been executed by the United States authorities at New-Orleans, for having pulled down the United States flag in that city, before its occupation by the United States forces." After thus explicitly stating his case, he mentions the correspondence of the Confederate authorities with Gen. HALLOCK on the subject, and again asserts that he "has received evidence fully establishing the truth of the fact that the said WILLIAM B. MUMFORD, a citizen of the Confederacy, was actually and publicly executed in cold blood by hanging, after the occupation of the City of New-Orleans by the forces under Gen. BENJAMIN F. BUTLER, when said MUMFORD was an unresisting and non-combatant captive, and for no offence even alleged to have been committed by him, subsequent to the date of the capture of said city."

Notwithstanding these reiterated assertions of the rebel President, however, the documentary evidence seems to be rather against the accuracy of his statement.

The first question that arises is, What constitutes military occupation? On this point the authorities on military law are positive and explicit. "Until the ownership of property acquired by conquest is confirmed or made complete," says HALLOCK (*Laws of War*, p. 776). "It is held by the right of military occupation, which, by the usage of nations and the laws of war, differs from and falls far short of the right of complete conquest. It may not be inferred that the conqueror can have no control or government of hostile territory unless he actually occupies it with an armed force. It is deemed sufficient that it submits to him and recognizes his authority as a conqueror." "The rule is," says WILLIAM, "that the whole is possessed by the occupation of a part, if an intention to appropriate the whole accompany such occupation, and all others be excluded from occupying the residue. Two persons cannot have several possessions of the same thing at the same time; such possession of one excludes the possession of another." The meaning of PARTIAL is probably the same, when he says that possession of part, with an appropriating mind, is possession of the whole up to its boundary; and by boundary he signifies the commencement of another's possession or occupation. With regard to the government of cities or territories occupied, it is laid down that "the right of one belligerent to occupy and govern the territory of the enemy while in its military possession, is one of the incidents of war, and flows directly from the right to conquer." "If a fort, town, city, harbor, island, or province, is forced to submit to the arms of a conqueror, such place or territory instantly becomes a conquest, and is subject to the laws which the conqueror may impose on it."

The next point is, when or at what date was the military occupation of the City of New-Orleans effected by the forces of the United States? It was on the 27th of April, it must be remembered, that MUMFORD tore down the flag which had been raised by our forces on the Mint. Were these forces at that time, according to military terms, in occupation of the city? It was on the 24th—three days before MUMFORD's act—that Admiral FARRAGUT, according to his official report to Secretary WELLS, appeared with his fleet in front of New-Orleans, and on the same day he demanded the surrender of the city, and also sent a letter to the Mayor, in which he said: "Your Honor will please give directions that no flag but that of the United States will be permitted to fly in the presence of this fleet, so long as it has the power to prevent it." "Gen. LOVELL," said Mayor MONROE, in a message to the Common Council, dated the 25th, "refused to surrender the city, but accompanied his refusal with the statement that he should evacuate the city, withdraw his troops, and then leave the city authorities to act as they might deem proper." The Mayor then suggested, and the suggestion was approved by the City Council, that in reply to the demand of "Commodore FARRAGUT," it would be proper to say that we are now (25th) without military protection—that the (Confederate) troops have withdrawn from the city; that we are consequently incapable of making any resistance; and that, therefore, we can offer no obstruction to the occupation of the place by the enemy." On the same day, (the 26th), or in the words of FARRAGUT, "this morning, at 6 A. M., I sent Capt. MORRIS, whose ship commanded the Mint, to take possession of it and hoist the American flag thereon, which was done, and the people cheered it."

Thus it was some time after these official and formal acts of occupation that Wm. B. MUMFORD, at the head of a mob, ascended to the top of the Mint, and tore down the American flag which had been thus solemnly raised by our victorious forces as the symbol of our conquest and power.

Of each of these facts there is abundant proof, both from the official reports of rebel functionaries, and those of our own officers, as well as from the rebel newspapers and our own correspondents. It is true that the act of MUMFORD was done three days before Gen. BUTLER, with his military contingent, entered New-Orleans, but as it has been occupied by a force from FARRAGUT's fleet, and as the city and the very building on which the flag was raised, was at the mercy of our guns, that fact did not render the occupation a whit less legal or absolute.

It is evident, therefore, that JEFF. DAVIS' plea is as false in statement as it is ferocious in its spirit of revenge.

We must say that we think Gen. HALLOCK has

made a very serious and grievous mistake in not communicating the facts in this case, and the justification of the acts of the military authorities at New-Orleans, to Gen. Lee and the world, after he had opened up correspondence with the Confederate authorities on the subject. Lee, according to Jerr. Davis, addressed HALLKX concerning the case on the 6th of last July, and again on the 2d of August, to which latter HALLKX replied on Aug. 7, stating that he had no authentic information in the matter, but that he would immediately take measures to ascertain the facts, and inform Gen. Lee thereof. Subsequent efforts were made by authorized Confederate agents, but no reply has to this day been furnished, and Jerr. Davis says that our Government thus tacitly admits the facts as he states them. HALLKX should either never have noticed the case at all, or should have cleared it up—not for the satisfaction of Jerr. Davis, but for the honor of our Government, and the credit of our military rule. As it is, this rebel charge against us of atrocious, barbarous and illegal conduct has gone out to the entire world, not only not rebutted, but virtually admitted by our Government.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

The Mexican Protest Against Supplying the French in Mexico.

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OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

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THE MEXICAN PROTEST.

Since the protest of the Mexican Minister in regard to agents of the French Government being permitted to purchase and ship supplies for the French army in Mexico, Secretary Seward has concluded to refer to the Secretaries of War and the Treasury the question as to what articles are contraband of war, with a view of permitting only those equal privileges outside this list. By this action the intended to place both French and Mexicans on the same footing.

THE GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

Messrs. Stevens, Spaulding, Hooper, Merrill and Maynard, composing the majority of the Committee of Ways and Means, are in the city, and propose to-morrow to enter formally upon the business of considering the various plans proposed for supplying the Government with money for the present and ensuing fiscal years. The bill published by one of your contemporaries on Saturday is erroneously designated as a Committee bill. This error tends to mislead the public, as the Committee as yet has no bill, having waited for action on the part of Secretary Chase. Neither is that portion of Mr. Chase's bill printed in the same paper in the shape in which he invites action on the part of the Committee. As he explained in his letter, and as stated in our Friday's dispatch, he will himself materially modify the first section in such a way as to limit the amount of the various issues proposed, unless the Committee, by immediate action in the same direction, shall relieve him from this labor of detail. The views of Secretary Chase have undergone no modification in regard to the currency. He admits the possible necessity of issuing two or three hundred millions more of demand treasury notes, not so much to give Government money directly, as to supply the country with sufficient currency for its business wants, and thus enable it to lend the Government when the latter desires to borrow. The Secretary is inflexibly opposed to inflation of the currency, as inevitably leading to bankruptcy and repudiation. He also desires the repeal of the convertibility clause, which in his opinion stands directly in the way of any considerable loans being made, and for that, he is satisfied that the army arrears might all be paid off at once. The Committee of Ways and Means propose immediately to accomplish this last desirable result by special legislation. The popular impression that the cause of the Government not having sufficient money to pay off the soldiers, is a mechanical difficulty in the way of the notes being printed with sufficient rapidity, is an error, as no such difficulty exists, the real cause being of a financial nature.

GEN. BUTLER.

Gen. Butler, to whom there exists a popular disposition to transfer the management of "Old Brains," has been ordered to report here, and is probably now on the way. As the friends of Jerr. Davis may imagine that the proceedings of the rebel authorities, to which he alludes in his last proclamation, may have had some influence in the superseding of Gen. Butler in the command of the Department of the Gulf, we will state that Gen. Banks' expedition will have his cordial approval, and that his own share in the general operations of which it forms a part is to be such as is entirely satisfactory to himself. It is calculated to excite the good sense of the President in the popular estimation, that he speaks of Gen. Butler in terms of the highest praise. It seems quite evident that Davis' proclamation is, after all, not so much aimed at Gen. Butler, as it is a counterblast against that of President Lincoln, now so expected, and which is more dreaded by the rebels than a whole army of Butlers.

FRENCH SUBJECTS IN LOUISIANA.

In reply to the formal complaints which we noticed some time ago, made to our Government by the French Minister, in regard to the treatment to which French subjects in Louisiana have been subjected, it is understood that the Secretary of State has given assurances that everything shall be arranged satisfactorily to the Imperial Government. In the case of Gen. Fitz-John Porter, Gen. Ryan is expected to testify to-morrow for the defense, and Gen. McClellan will be kept back till the last, in order to act as a reserve, and finish the contest with an overwhelming force.

TESTIMONIAL.

A large number of officials in the Interior Department, last evening, presented to Secretary Smith, as a parting token of respect on his retiring from the office, a magnificent silver service; and the employees on the Capitol extension presented to Mrs. Saxe a very fine gold watch, studded with diamonds. An appropriate presentation speech to the Secretary was made by Henry E. Morris, Esq., of the Pension Office, and responded to by Mr. Smith in a usual felicitous style.

DR. VINTON.

Rev. Dr. Vinton, of New-York, preached an eloquent discourse to-day in the church of Rev. Dr. Pratt.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Washington, Sunday, Dec. 28.

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Maj. Gen. Butler is by this time on his way to Washington, he having been ordered to report here. Report already assigns him an important command in the field.

MAT. SPRAGUE.

Mrs. Sprague has been allowed leave of absence till further orders. This is to enable him to accept the position of Adjutant-General of the State of New-York, under Gov. Seymour's administration.

THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

The report of John D. Barzaz, Superintendent of Public Printing, giving in detail the transactions of his office for the year ending 30th of September, has just been printed. The increased demand for printing blanks, occasioned by the war, &c., has been very great. The report shows a saving to the Government of \$265,506 since the establishment of the office in March of last year.

Execution of Indians in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., Saturday, Dec. 27.

Thirty-eight condemned Indians were hung at Mankato, at 10 o'clock A. M. yesterday. The gallows was so constructed that all fell at once. Several thousand spectators were in attendance. All passed off quietly.

AMUSEMENTS.

The holiday entertainments at the various places of amusement have been attended with the usual festive gatherings during the latter part of last week. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding Christmas were, of course, less acceptable in their results to the treasures, being affected by the dullness which usually precedes the holiday times. The young folk, however, are in such force now that there is no fear of a relapse, and, in truth, the bills are attractive enough for them and for children of a larger growth. At the principal show-place establishments there will be no change. Thus, at the Winter Garden the "Larks of Kilmorye," at Niblo's Garden, "Faust and Marguerite," at La Cienega, "Don Quixote," at the Old Bowery, "The Little Red Riding Hood," at the "Schoolmaster," (Fox is excellent in both) and at Barnum's Museum, the "Colleen Bawn," are still the all-sufficient attractions. A more intellectual feast than can be found at these establishments is provided by Mr. Wallace, whose bulletins for the week are as follows: To-night, the "Invisible Husband," to-morrow night, the "School for Scandal," on Wednesday, the "Clandestine Marriage," on Thursday, the "Invisible Husband," on Friday, "Love and Money," and on Saturday, (for the last time), "A Bachelor of Arts." A word is due also to Mr. Jernst, of the French theatre, who, with good effect, to produce for the public the originals of many popular plays, as "Don Cesar de Bazan" and "Camille," the last of which will be brought out to-morrow night. Miss Margarette de Bouzelier appears as the heroine, and Miss Ernest Gravier as Almada. In the way of music we have to-night at the German Opera House the opera of the "Maçon," and next week, the Italian Opera, under the steady direction of Mr. Graet, will commence operations with the charming American production, "Mlle. Kallio," the opera of "Il Poeta." For the many miscellaneous places of amusement that may be found on Broadway and elsewhere, we must, lacking space for specification, refer to our advertising columns. A glance at the many announcements will convince the pleasure-seeker that he is amply provided for.

GRAND PROMENADE CONCERT TO-NIGHT.

Under the auspices of the Thirtieth Regiment New-York State Militia, a grand Promenade Concert will be given to-night at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Gaullu's celebrated band will furnish a selection of choice music, and no doubt the attendance will be most brilliant.

NEWS FROM HAVANA.

The Alabama at Fort de France, Martinique—How She Escaped from the San Jacinto—Cruising About the West Indies.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Dec. 20, 1864.

Since I wrote you last there has appeared in the *Diario*, of Santiago de Cuba, some late information respecting the whereabouts of that flying squadron, the *Alabama*, which puts her as cruising at present about the West Indies. The above-named periodical of the 10th inst. says as follows: "On the departure of the French mail steamer *Tampero* from Fort de France, Martinique, the famous champion of the South, the *Alabama*, had three days previously left that place, in spite of the steamer *San Jacinto* being in the harbor. The circumstances respecting this affair are rather curious, and we learned them from one of the passengers by the *Tampero* to the effect that the *Alabama* had been ordered to leave the harbor of Fort de France, and that the French authorities were obliged to restrain the excessive zeal of the Yankee sailors, who considered themselves sure of their prey, which every day gives them such unimportant results. The Captains of both steamers were accustomed to see each other on shore, and in one of their frequent meetings the Captain of the *Alabama* said to the other of the *San Jacinto*: "I have only 160 men and 12 guns, whilst you have 500 of the one and 24 of the other; if you promise me not to use your guns, I will board you, take you and destroy you." The Captain of the *San Jacinto* would not accept the challenge, telling him that in the day of every way of getting him. The Captain of the *Alabama*, without paying attention to that bravado, apparently had no intention of attacking the *San Jacinto*, but, in view of the fact that the latter was a French vessel, he must, no doubt, have been provoked, and, on the last night or two, which were very calm, he sent a challenge to the *San Jacinto*, which was a screw-steamer and goes at the rate of fifteen knots an hour, made some false shots and varied with the chase, but the *Alabama* did not fire, placed lights to make the deception more complete, and sailed off with full steam up by the side of the *San Jacinto*. The mistake of the Captain of the last, who took it for him of the French transports that are continually entering and going out of the harbor, was so great that he was not four days, during the chase, in the prospect of his prize. At the same time that he learned the certainty of his having been outwitted, he also learned that the *Alabama* had been sent to America as a scout from San Pierre. The same paper mentions the arrival in their harbor, on the 10th, of the English transport steamer *Una* with 111 French sailors on board for Vera Cruz.

The Ladies' Aid Society Annual Fair.

The annual Fair held under the auspices of the ladies connected with the various Methodist Churches of the City, to aid in sustaining the Old Ladies' Home—a most worthy charity—was commenced last Monday, in the City Assembly Rooms, and closed on Saturday evening. This Fair was most liberally patronized, and we are happy to learn that the proceeds will amount to about \$10,000. Perhaps the most interesting part of the proceedings on Saturday was the presentation of a beautiful and unique picture of the Bishops and ministers to Bishop Janss, it having been purchased by representative of the various churches, at a cost of \$125. The novelty of this picture consisted in its having a likeness of the respective gentlemen, included in a wreath worked out of their hair. This novel piece of work was executed by the wife of Rev. J. B. Noyes, of the Washington-square Church, and of course attracted considerable attention. Quite a number of the wealthy men who were present offered a high price for the picture, the highest sum being \$500, which was bid by a member of the Forsyth-street Church, but when it was learned that the picture was to be given to the Old Ladies' Home, the disposition was to be made of it all personal rivalry for its possession ceased. Rev. Dr. Wackerlin made a most eloquent presentation speech, to which Bishop Janss happily responded.

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THE BANKS EXPEDITION.

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old-first, I was anxious to see something of the important events which were occurring there. In the transfer of government from Gen. Banks to Gen. Banks, and second, my letter containing a full account of the taking of Baton Rouge was scarcely more than commenced, and I wanted the time afforded by the transfer from one place to the other to complete it. Important scenes and events had so crowded upon each other in the previous forty-eight hours that it was utterly impossible to do more than jot them down, en passant, in one's note-book.

We left Baton Rouge in the evening of Wednesday, the 17th, and got here at 4 P. M. the next day, (precisely one fortnight since we left home), just in the nick of time to get our letters on the *Roscoe*, bound to New-York, and which moved off within ten minutes after our letters were put on board. Nothing of importance occurred during the passage, the guerrillas on either bank, who now and then take a fancy for a stray shot or two at passing objects, not having thought fit to molest us, and if they had, they would have found us ready to return the compliment. We anchored during the night some few miles below Baton Rouge, and early in the morning resumed our course, stopping only once, at Donaldsonville, on the right bank of the Mississippi, to communicate orders to our forces there. This is the place which Farragut shelled, as we did Bayou Sara and other places, to put a stop to the murderous practice of the bushwhackers, and the ruins there give good proof of how effectually he did his work.

Your regular New-Orleans correspondent has, doubtless, given you a full account of all the political events which have transpired here during the last two or three days, as to make it unnecessary for me to enter into any lengthy description of them. I am tempted, however, to make some few remarks upon the very strange and, to an extent incomprehensible, state of affairs I find here.

Foremost, is the sudden and mysterious removal of Gen. Banks from the post he has so long occupied, and the inauguration of Gen. Banks in his place. Never before except perhaps among the Big-Game and the Little-Game, we read in *Gulliver's Travels*—has there been so thorough a division of public opinion as exists here about the merits and demerits of Gen. Banks and his administration. Some extol them both to the third heaven, while others again abhor both him and his administration. It is unnecessary to say that the latter class generally comprises those rebels at heart who naturally feel as much detestation of one who could so effectually block their game, as a rat may be supposed to do of the trap in which he is caught, or some other nameless vermin of the red verminage scattered among them. Every genuine traitor must necessarily hate Banks, as much as a certain gentleman must hate holy water; but every thoughtful loyalist believes that no other man was better qualified to break the backbone of treason in a place like New-Orleans.

But I am sorry to say that the other two more numerous classes of thinkers embrace those who have, hitherto, ranked as Gen. Banks's most devoted friends and admirers. Among these there appears to be but one opinion as to the wonderful efficacy of his past administration, and the almost miraculous manner in which he drew order and peace out of chaos and anarchy in this city. But here these friends part; the one set allowing not one word to be whispered against the spotless integrity of the General, while the others circumstantially relate instances of the most horrible and atrocious acts of despotism, corruption, and abuse of authority, which I ever heard brought against any public character in my life. If these charges be false—and in my heart I hope they are, (not only for the sake of Gen. Banks, of whom I know nothing, but for the character of our common country)—no exasperation could be deep enough for those who could have put such charges in circulation. His friends count upon his laying an unblemished record of his stewardship before the public, and I sincerely hope he will succeed in doing so. I understand he leaves this, on Monday or Tuesday next, in the *Nova Star*, for New-York.

The best examination I have yet heard of the *Banks* reason for this mysterious removal of Gen. Banks just now, is the following: "Those of his friends who are thoroughly in his honesty of purpose and blameless character as they do in his universally confessed administrative powers, think that he has merely been removed to be held in readiness for some other theatre of action, more requiring his stern and unflinching treatment than New-Orleans is supposed to demand." "Now that the work of throttling treason here," say these reasoners—"has been so thoroughly accomplished, the presence of the man who did it is only a cause of needless irritation among the people, and the feverish crisis having passed, all that the patient now needs is careful nursing and reviving nourishment."

I hope those who think so are not mistaking the true nature of the disease, and consequently the proper cure to be administered. I have seen much of the palliation or "kiddening" made of treatment applied to treason, open or concealed, and so little good resulting from it, that I confess I have about as much faith in it as in any other sort of quack medicine. One thing, though, I hope and sincerely believe, and that is, that if our enemies here—and there are plenty of new ones coming out carrying out their plots and machinations because Gen. Banks has been supplanted by Gen. Banks, they will find themselves woefully mistaken.

The answer is made of Gen. Banks does not necessarily imply the absence of that fortitude in him which Gen. Banks has long made them accustomed. It is true, that our new Governor must necessarily take some little time to "learn the ropes," in vulgar parlance; that he may, for a time, be mistaking enemies for friends, treason for loyalty, disloyalty for fidelity, or innocence for guilt, but it would take a man of keen perceptions and administrative talents a long time in separating the sheep from the goats; and a line of duty once clearly before him, I venture to prophesy that rebel plotters here are going to find his rule of the wicked just as firm and unending as that of his predecessor. Let them read accurately his splendid proclamation, and they will therein find every hope for the good, but terror for the bad—and Gen. Banks bears the character of never pronouncing what he does not accomplish. Upon the whole, a better man could not have been selected for this position, for while his blind and stable hearing is likely to disarm many who were irritated at Gen. Banks's firmness, he will likely to reassure those who feared to see the reins of power taken from the vigorous hands of his predecessor.

I was not here at the time the transfer took place, but I have just been at the headquarters of the new Governor, and there found the wheels of government running on just as smoothly as if there had been no change of coachman.

One new and very extraordinary feature has just been introduced to the temporary government of Louisiana, and that is the appointment of Judge Cass A. PAXTON, of New-York, as Provisional Judge of the State. His commission, of which I send you a verbatim copy, is one of the most remarkable instances of judicial power invested in one man, that perhaps I ever read. Extraordinary diseases, however, must have extraordinary cures, and, from the high character which Judge Paxton seems to hold among all classes, we may count upon his enormous power being wielded with firmness and justice tempered by mercy.

I have nothing else to add before the *Columbia* leaves this afternoon, except that we are on the eve of events which I am not permitted even to allude to, but which will be of startling consequence, and if, by God's blessing, successful, will fill every loyal

heart with gladness and strike terror to the very marrow of the rebellion. NEMO.

EXECUTIVE ORDER.

ESTABLISHING A PROVISIONAL COURT IN LOUISIANA.

EXECUTIVE MARCH, WASHINGTON, Dec. 28, 1862. The inauguration which has for some time prevailed in several of the States of this Union, including Louisiana, having temporarily subverted and swept away the civil institutions of that State, including the judiciary and the judicial authorities of the Union, so that it has become necessary to hold the State in military occupation; and it being indispensably necessary that there shall be some judicial tribunal existing there capable of administering justice, I have, therefore, thought it proper to appoint, and I do hereby constitute a Provisional Court, for the State of Louisiana, and I do hereby appoint, to be a Provisional Judge to hold said Court, with authority to hear, try and determine all causes, civil and criminal, (including causes in law, equity, revenue and admiralty, and particularly all such powers and jurisdiction as belong to the District and Circuit Courts of the United States, conforming his proceedings, so far as possible, to the course of proceedings and practice which have been customary in the courts of the United States and Louisiana—his judgment to be final and conclusive. And I do hereby authorize and empower the said Judge to make and establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the exercise of his jurisdiction, and to appoint a prosecuting Attorney, Marshal and Clerk of the said Court, who shall perform the functions of Attorney, Marshal and Clerk, according to such proceedings and practice as before mentioned, and such rules and regulations as may be made and established by said Judge. These appointments are to continue during the pleasure of the President, not extending beyond the military occupation of the State of Louisiana, and the said Judge, not extending beyond the military occupation of the State of Louisiana, shall perform the functions of the civil authority in that State and in the State of Louisiana. These officers shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the War Department, compensation as follows:

Such compensation to be certified by the Secretary of War. A copy of this order, certified by the Secretary of War, shall be delivered to such Judge, shall be deemed and held to be a sufficient commission. Let the seal of the United States be hereunto affixed. BY THE PRESIDENT: WILLIAM H. SAWARD, Secretary of State.

Washington, 28th October, 1862. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy, duly examined and compared with the original, of the Executive Order of the President of the United States, constituting a Provisional Court for the State of Louisiana.

Witness my hand and seal of the War Department, at St. Louis, Mo., this 28th day of October, 1862. Attest, JOHN BUTLER, Chief Clerk.

OUR NEW-ORLEANS CORRESPONDENCE.

The Arrival of Gen. Banks—His Assumption of the Command of the Department of the Gulf—Gen. Butler's Order on Resigning Command—Interesting Official Documents, &c.

New-Orleans, Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1862.

On Sunday last, some time in the middle of the day, Gen. Banks received a telegram "from the fort," that Maj. Gen. Banks and a part of his fleet of transports were coming up the river. This announcement was the first that was received here of what subsequently proved to be the approach of the new commanding General. The speculations as to Gen. Banks's destination, I am bound to say, were quite as wide of the mark as were any in your editorial of the 6th inst., when you guess he was going anywhere in the world almost except New-Orleans. On Sunday evening, about 9 o'clock, I walked quietly down to the St. Charles Hotel, which building is again open to the public, and there I found a crowd of fine-looking officers, who proved to be members of Maj. Gen. Banks's Staff. Early the next morning I learned, from reliable authority, that Gen. Banks had been superseded in his command. If I was asked to name a successor to Gen. Banks, in this most difficult to control of all the military departments of the Government, Gen. Banks would have been that man. It is unnecessary for me to say that there was excitement upon the faces of soldiers and civilians. The change was too sudden, however, for any active demonstration, and it was not until late in the day that the matter was discussed in the streets. Some of the ceremonies accompanying the change were not without interest.

At 11 o'clock, the city officials, accompanied by the Mayor, Col. Danino, in a body proceeded to the St. Charles Hotel, to pay a ceremonial visit to Maj. Gen. Banks. The party was conducted to the parlor, and after some little delay, Gen. Banks, accompanied by the most prominent members of his Staff, entered the room. The last time I saw Gen. Banks at the New-York Academy of Music, some three years ago. The time passed, with the exposure and responsibilities of the campaign, have wrought considerable change in his appearance. He is now more of the soldier than the politician. Upon Gen. Banks's appearance, a circle was formed, and Col. Danino proceeded to say that he, together with the chief officers of the City Government, called to pay their respects and to give the General a cordial welcome to New-Orleans. Gen. Banks, in reply, expressed himself pleased with the compliment paid him, and expressed a hope that there would be no cause for regret on account of the present meeting. He remarked that he had long been desirous of visiting New-Orleans, but had never dreamed of doing so in his present position as a soldier. He said he took a warm interest in the prosperity and welfare of the city, and that he would be glad to be of service to it in any way in his power. He then turned to the Mayor, and in a few words, he expressed his confidence in the Mayor's administration, and his hope that the Mayor would be able to restore to its former prosperity. At the conclusion of the remarks, he was introduced by Col. Danino to each person present, which ceremony having been concluded, the party fell into a general and cordial conversation. While this was going on in the magnificent saloon of one of the largest hotels of the Union, while there was being enacted the official reception of Gen. Banks, I could not help contrasting this magnificent and peaceful scene, with the reception a few months previously given to Gen. Banks. He came with every house closed against him, the excited mob followed in his footsteps, and hanging to the lamp-post the only person who dared to say a friendly word to one of his attendants. The people looked on with stoned and cold faces. The levee smoked in ruins, the Union was apparently dead. How wonderful, how significant the change!

At 12 o'clock the two Major-Generals—BANKS and BUTLER and NATHANIEL P. BANKS—with the members of their respective Staffs, officially met at headquarters on Julia-street, for the purpose of a ceremonial introduction. In addition to the Staff, there were many officers of the division, among them were Brig-Gen. Banks, Brig-Gen. Warren, Maj. Gen. A. C. CLARK, of the Sixth Michigan, Lieut. Col. ELLIOTT, First Louisiana, Capt. LOWRY, of the gunboat *Albatross*, Col. PAYNE, Col. E. M. BROWN, D. McCORMACK and Col. T. B. THOMAS. After a few moments of silence, Gen. Banks stepped forward and welcomed Gen. Banks to the Department of the Gulf. He spoke feelingly of the troops that had been under his command, and said that they were brave, self-sacrificing, and would cheerfully obey every order. Gen. Banks replied that the only pleasure he had in taking his present position was, that he was doing so in obedience to the Government of the United States, and that in all positions in which he might be placed he had only one desire, and that was to strictly perform his duty. With these remarks ended, the two chiefs greeted each other cordially, with such demonstration, indeed, as mark the manner of old friends.

Gen. Banks now proceeded to introduce each member of his Staff, as follows: Maj. Gen. C. S. SHAFER, Col. TURNER, Col. C. P. STURGEON, Col. SHAFER, Col. KINSMAN, Maj. Bell, Maj. GREENE, Capt. Davis, Capt. CLARK, Capt. HAGGITT, Capt. KENSEL, Lieut. Butler, Lieut. Clarke, Lieut. Martin, and Lieut. Sherman, Wetzel and other gentlemen in turn. This ceremony over, Gen. Banks introduced the

members of his Staff: Lieut. Col. R. B. BROWN, Capt. R. T. DONAHUE, Lieut. Col. A. H. WELLS, Lieut. Col. W. H. WELLS, Surgeon R. A. HARGREAVE, Surgeon W. C. SPENCER, Surgeon T. D. REED, Col. J. C. CLARK, Col. S. B. HOLABED, Capt. W. W. ROWLEY, Lieut. C. S. SARGENT, Lieut. Col. D. H. STROBER, Capt. J. E. WEAVER, Capt. T. W. ROBBINS, Maj. D. C. HOUTON, Mr. J. F. TUCKER, Col. G. G. BECKWITH, Capt. W. L. ABBOTT, Maj. H. ROBINSON, Lieut. HILL, Capt. H. S. HOOPER, Commissary Cowles.

These formalities over, Gen. Banks, with the members of his Staff, withdrew, when Gen. BUTLER, after some few remarks to his officers, expressed the hope that each member present would do all in his power to aid and assist those who had so recently arrived, bestowing encomiums upon their individual merits. He passed a high eulogium upon Gen. Banks, representing that he was an honor to the country, and a Chief of which the nation might well be proud. The General then, with considerable emotion in his manner, took up a roll of manuscript from his table, and said he had one more official act to perform, and that was to read a parting word to the officers of the troops, who so recently formed his military department. He then, with a clear voice, proceeded as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, New-Orleans, Dec. 15, 1862. GENERAL ORDERS NO. 105.—Soldiers of the Army of the Gulf: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by direction of the President, under date of Nov. 9, 1862, of a letter of yours by this final order, it being impossible to visit your scattered outposts, covering a distance of miles of the frontier of a large territory than some of the kingdoms of Europe. I greet you, my brave comrades, and say farewell! This word—addressed as you are by a community of privations, hardships, dangers, vicissitudes, military and civil—is the only sorrowful thought I have.

You have deserved well of your country. Without a murmur you sustained an encampment on a sandbar so desolate that punishment to it with every care and resource would have been impossible. You have sustained a punishment inflicted upon your bitterest and most insupportable enemies. You have so little transportation that a handful of resources to compel submission by the Queen City of the rebellion, whilst others waded broadsword in the marshes which surround St. Philip, and forced the surrender of the frontier of a large territory than some of the kingdoms of Europe. You have sustained an encampment on a sandbar so desolate that punishment to it with every care and resource would have been impossible. You have sustained a punishment inflicted upon your bitterest and most insupportable enemies. You have so little transportation that a handful of resources to compel submission by the Queen City of the rebellion, whilst others waded broadsword in the marshes which surround St. Philip, and forced the surrender of the frontier of a large territory than some of the kingdoms of Europe.

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IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST

Gen. Grant's Army Again North of the Tallahatchie.

His Base of Supplies Changed to Memphis.

The Advance of Gen. Banks up the Mississippi.

PORT HUDSON CAPTURED.

The Fleet only Twelve Miles Below Vicksburg.

The Doings of John Morgan in Kentucky.

CHICAGO, Monday, Dec. 29.

A special dispatch from Cairo says the reports that Gen. Grant has fallen back to the north side of the Tallahatchie are confirmed. The main body of the army arrived at Holly Springs several days ago. It is supposed Gen. Grant will open the Memphis and Charleston Railroad to Grand Junction, and make Memphis his base of supplies.

A report has reached Memphis that a heavy Federal force has ascended the Mississippi from New Orleans, the naval portion of which is under command of Admiral Farragut, that Port Hudson has fallen into the Federal hands, and that the fleet has reached a point twelve miles below Vicksburg.

This reported advance is confirmed by the Vicksburg *Wing* of the 15th.

On the 20th, the rebels attacked the Federal forces, 250 in number, at Davies' Mills, six miles south of Grand Junction. The enemy was repulsed, leaving 20 dead and 30 wounded on the field. A number were also carried off. The Federal loss was trifling.

The rebel Van Dorn is now believed to be between Bolivar and the Mississippi.

The rebels still hold the road between Columbus and Jackson.

New-Madrid was evacuated yesterday. Part of the magazine was blown up, and the barracks burned.

LATE AND IMPORTANT.

Reported Capture of Knoxville by the Union Forces.

ROSCREANS DRIVING THE REBELS.

LOUISVILLE, Monday, Dec. 29.

The Postmaster of Richmond, Ky., says Col. Cassan, commanding a brigade, has captured Knoxville, Tenn., and destroyed four bridges and a large portion of the railroad track, between Knoxville and Dandridge.

Gov. Morton, of Indiana, is here. It is not true that he has ordered out the militia of Indiana, as reported.

Passengers in a train from Louisville to Shepherdsville, to-day, report that they heard firing up to 4 o'clock this afternoon, in the direction of Lebanon Junction, and reports are current that Col. Harlan's Brigade is in the rear of Morgan's forces, and, it is supposed, may have engaged them before this time.

It is rumored that a portion of Morgan's forces are at Bardonia, and that they have destroyed a portion of the track near Elizabethtown.

The rebels have been repulsed three miles from Mumfordsville, and everything there is safe.

Gen. Rosecrans' forces have driven the rebels into Murfreesboro.

It is supposed Morgan is skedaddling out of the State.

THE REBELS IN KENTUCKY.

Morgan at Work on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad—Six Hundred National Soldiers Reported Captured, &c.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sunday, Dec. 29.

Jonx Morgan, with 2,600 of his guerrillas, attacked Lieut.-Col. Smith, at Elizabethtown, Ky., yesterday, commanding 250 men in a stockade.

After a severe fight, our forces retreated to the Court-house and buildings nearby. Their losses are not stated and the result is unknown.

This ely has been intensely excited all day by multitudinous rumors of skirmishes in various proximate localities. Headquarters at 11 o'clock, to-night, were unadvised thereof and utterly discredited them.

Reports from Memphis say that our pickets have been driven into the fortifications and that the rebels have been committing depredations there.

SECOND DISPATCH.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Monday, Dec. 29.

The *Journal*, of this city, says that the railroad bridge-work, near Muldraugh's Hill, on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, was destroyed yesterday by John Morgan's forces.

The *Journal* expresses the opinion that Morgan will not advance to the Ohio River.

Other sources say that Morgan's forces that destroyed the bridge-work were about 2,000 men.

Six hundred National soldiers were reported captured, and a large number of arms and cartridges were also taken.

Further particulars are not known.

The *Journal*'s statement of the capture of the bridge-work is entirely untrue.

Headquarters here, up to 11 o'clock this morning.

have not been advised of the above destruction of the railroad trestle work near Muldraugh's Hill, but circles, usually reliable, affirm it with great positiveness.

If the statement is true there will be no more railroad communication between here and Nashville for at least thirty days.

AN ORDER FROM POSTMASTER-GENERAL BLAIR.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, 1862.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company having refused to convey the mails between those cities from and after the first proximo, for the compensation authorized by law, the service will be suspended on that and its branch routes from that date. M. BLAIR, Postmaster-General.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF.

An Immense Salt Mine in Western Louisiana.

The Island of Petite Anse a Rock of Solid Salt—The Operations of Commodore Buchanan, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, OFFICE, BRASSARD CITY, Friday, Dec. 12, 1862.

Since the war began, the necessities of the people in the Confederacy have stimulated searches for salt, and most unexpected success has crowned their efforts in Western Louisiana. Along the Gulf coast bounding this particular part of the State are numbers of islands, some of which rise to a considerable height from the low swamp marshes with which they are frequently surrounded. One of these islands, known as Petite Anse, and entirely familiar with the residents of the vicinity as being a place famous for saline earths, turns out to be a rock of solid salt, possibly some two hundred and fifty feet high, where the mineral is quarried out in large pieces resembling cakes of ice. It was these "salt works" that Com. BUCHANAN some time since, with the gunboats *Diana*, *Kinsman* and the *St. Marys*, with the Twenty-first Indiana on board, attempted to destroy.

The result of which was, the buildings were torn down, but the vast mine of salt still remains. The salt spring on this island, as it was termed, has been known for years, but it was not until a few months ago that it was discovered that this supposed spring was merely the rain-water settling in hollows of a solid salt rock. There is mention made of a similar formation to this mineral wonder in Cardona, about sixteen leagues northwest of Barcelona, which town is situated at the foot of a rock of salt which rises abruptly out of the plain some five hundred feet. The salt in its natural bed is as clear as glass—in fact, it seems as if you could look a vast distance into its solid heart. When it is blasted out, in pieces resembling cakes of ice, it assumes a dull yellow color, but grinds up whiter than most salt, and is so thoroughly saline in its properties that even a grain or two leaves a stringy taste in the mouth. The immense value of this mine of wealth can scarcely be realized. A million dollars was offered to its owner by a company of persons in the neighborhood, but refused. This island of salt—possibly three or four miles long and one wide, of irregular form, and covered from fifteen to twenty feet with rich salt—bears on its surface immense pecan and live oak trees.

On the 1st of December, Com. BUCHANAN started a naval expedition, in small boats, up Bell River, under command of Acting Master Goodwin. After pulling twenty-five miles, the boats succeeded in capturing an armed launch, mounting a 12-pounder brass howitzer. The crew fled save two. On the 6th, Acting Master Goodwin went with the *Diana* to Chicot Pass, to try and capture two steamers. He took with him the launch and part of the crew of the *Kinsman*. By sending the launch by a circuitous route into Lake Fausse Pointe, and the small boats the other way, the prizes were captured. One was called the *Southern Merchant*, which had six hogsheads of sugar on board, and had a crew of twenty, with two hundred barrels of molasses. The other was called the *Nymph*, and had fifty hogsheads of sugar and 500 lbs. of molasses on board through the Atchafalaya. They were bound to Natchez, Miss. The two steamers are valuable, as they only draw but 16 inches of water.

From the Gulf coast and the interior of Louisiana there is a direct water route through the Atchafalaya into the Red River, from Red River into the Mississippi, and so on to Vicksburg. To stop this trade has been one of the objects of Com. BUCHANAN, and another to flank the fortifications at Port Hudson. Some five hundred prisoners and deserters have from time to time come into possession of Com. BUCHANAN, also large quantities of sugar; also 300 bales of cotton, and some other articles of value.

It will be remembered that when Gen. WATKINS started on his expedition to the Lafourche country, it was arranged that Com. BUCHANAN with his fleet of gunboats should attack the enemy in their rear on the Gulf coast. This part of the programme, from the fact that the boats drew too much water, in a degree failed, but there was some lively fighting done, nevertheless, which, though alluded to, has never been given in detail. From a friend connected with the expedition, I have gathered the following interesting particulars: On the 1st of November the gunboats *Estrella*, *St. Marys* and the *Kinsman*, were at Brashear City. On that day the smoke of a rebel steamer was seen in the bay, when the *Kinsman* moved out to make an attack, when it was found, unfortunately, that some one on board had spiked the Parrott gun! The *Estrella* was then ordered to open fire, and the Parrott gun of the *Kinsman* was cleared as quickly as possible and opened also. Upon this the bell of the rebel steamer sounded, and persons on board were heard exclaiming, "Don't fire," "Don't fire." As our boats ceased, supposing the steamer would surrender, the *Estrella* at the same time was ordered to board the enemy, but instead of doing this, by some mistake fell back; at the same instant the rebel steamer fired at the *Kinsman*, and then commenced moving off. Chase was made, but the steamer, which proved to be the iron-clad gunboat *Cotton*, was too fast, and was soon lost sight of among the tall cypress trees of the Atchafalaya River. The same night the Confederate steamer *A. B. Segur*, Lieut. A. COOK, was captured. She proved to be a small boat of 30 tons, and only fit for hauling at Brashear City the next morning, the *Kinsman* found it had arrived about 48 hours too late to prevent the rebels from crossing the bay. The *Estrella* and the *Cotton* arrived the same day, and, after loading all four boats started for Franklin, where it is reported that the *Kinsman* was captured about 10 miles from the mouth of the Teche, they had thrown up a line of pickets, but on account of an accident was not able to proceed. Two other boats then moved on, and were captured in range of the steamer *Cotton*. It was now postponed until the morning, when the *Estrella* and the *Cotton* were again ordered to move on, and the *Kinsman* was left to guard the bay.

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ropes; she had to run ashore so as to let the other boats have room to pass up the Teche. The *Diana* and *Kinsman* kept on, but on account of some accident to the Parrott gun on the *Diana*, she had to stop also.

The *Kinsman* kept on up to the bridge, and the gallant commander, Geo. Wiggins, ran her nose into the shore battery of eleven guns, being then as close to the *Cotton* as he could get, (only about 1,000 yards off), silenced and drove off the field piece, and kept up his fire on the *Cotton* from his rifled gun. The *Kinsman*, I am informed, received 84 shots in her hull and upper works, three through the flag, and one round shot through the shell-room and magazine, which did nothing more than destroy a few shell-boxes. He had one man killed and five wounded, one being the lake pilot, who died next day. On hearing the firing our boat ran up stern on the bridge, and the officer in command ordered the commander of the *Kinsman*, which was looking badly, to back out of range, and brought our broadside to bear on the *Cotton*, who stood her ground for nearly half an hour, but then backed round a turn in the Teche, and got out of range. The *Estrella* and *Diana* coming up, the woods were shelled and a landing made. It being found impossible to remove the obstructions, and night coming on, the officer in command thought it advisable to return to Brashear City to repair damages and bury the dead. The *Cotton* did some very good firing; the *Calhoun* received eight shots in the port side, two in the starboard wheel-house, two in the port wheel-house, and two in port round-house—no casualties. The *Estrella* and *Diana* also, I am informed, received three shots each—no machinery damaged. The obstructions consist of the sunken steamer *Flycatcher* and a sunken schooner, loaded with brick, and live oak wood packed all round. The commander wants a land force to help to keep the rebels back during the removal of the obstructions in the stream. As the enemy have the *Cotton* in the stream, and it would be exposing his men unnecessarily without the help of a land force, I think so, too. Information was received that the whole rebel force (under Gen. MOUTON) were there, numbering three to four thousand men; they were pretty badly cut up, retreating and making their camp at Centerville, about three miles further up, leaving only their artillery and cavalry below. On the morning of the 5th our boat and the *Estrella* again started up, and again drove off the enemy as before, but, unfortunately, a shot from the *Cotton* struck the truck of the Parrott gun on our boat, killing two men instantly. The officers and men of the different boats, a part of whom are volunteers from the frigate *Mississippi*, all behaved gallantly, and deserve great praise. A Mr. TOWN, an agent, and representing himself as a "Union" man, requested the Commander of the *Diana* to take 250 bales of cotton from the plantations, as the owners were good Union men, residing at Franklin, and desired to have it saved from burning by the guerrillas; of course, the request of the agent was complied with. On the 6th the *Kinsman* and *Segur* started after two steamboats, and, after some trouble, succeeded in finding them laid away in Bayou Cheval, about nine miles from Grand Lake. These steamboats, the *Osprey* and the *J. P. Smith*, were found to be worthless, the machinery being badly damaged, the boats rotten, and run hard aground, in possession of a gang on board who were making bowie-knives and moulding bullets, who had a written order to burn the boats if the "Yankees" came up. This gang, with the Captain of the *Smith* and Capt. CALDWELL, were taken prisoners, and handed over to Col. McMillan, and the two boats were burnt. The *Cotton* is in a "tight place"; she cannot get much further up the Teche, neither can she come out, as boats are kept constantly running up and down; but I understand orders are given not to engage, unless with good prospect of success, owing to shortness of ammunition. The officers have received information that our shot struck the *Cotton* a number of times, but glanced off; however, she was on fire three times from our boats. The *Cotton* had four men killed and several wounded, and I learn that there have been several killed and wounded on shore during the three days.

It is intended, I hear, to send light draft vessels round into Grand Lake, so as to get into the rear of the *Cotton*, at the same time these larger boats are to go up and engage her in front. The rebels are getting trouble-ome along the banks of the Teche, and the expedition is thought of as being a small quantity of men to-day. The rebels destroyed a great quantity of sugar before leaving, also burnt a lot of railroad cars. The planters also left their plantations, and took away all their negroes. An accident occurred on the 5th, by which one man was instantly killed; his name was FRANK BARN, seaman; the premature explosion of a twenty-four-pound shell was the cause.

So far, the officers and crews of the boats were highly pleased with the results of the expedition, and promise much greater results in the future, as the men are getting more used to their work, and are being constantly drilled to fit them for the arduous duties they have to perform. The results of which they have already shown such bravery and good conduct. So much for our naval skirmishes in the out-of-the-way bayous and lakes of the Gulf coast of Louisiana.

TARBOX.

The California Treasury at Aspinwall.

Messrs. EUGENE KELLY & Co., No. 207 Broadway, have received the following dispatch from the Hon. MILTON S. LATHAM, at Washington:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Monday, Dec. 29th.

The Navy Department, at my request, will send the man-of-war *Connecticut* from Hampton Roads, on the 1st of January, to bring to New York all the treasure at Aspinwall from California.

Please have consignees send immediately to the Navy Department authority, so that the *Connecticut* can get the treasure. MILTON S. LATHAM.

THE APPLICATION OF SENATOR LATHAM TO THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 29.

On the application of Senator LATHAM, of California, the Navy Department has ordered the armed steamer *Connecticut* to leave Hampton Roads on the 1st of January next, to bring to New York all the treasure at Aspinwall, that place from the Pacific Coast.

Senator LATHAM hopes to obtain from the Navy Department a regular armed convoy for California steamers from Aspinwall. The subject is now under consideration.

CONSIGNEES OF TREASURE AND THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 29th.

Consignees of treasure should immediately send authority to the Navy Department, so that the Commander of the *Connecticut* may obtain the treasure at Aspinwall.

Notice to Ladies and Children Intending to go South.

Was DEPARTMENT. JOCK-AVOCATA'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, 1862.

The following notice was issued from the War Department, this day:

Notice is hereby given that the applications made by ladies and children to go to their families and friends in the South, have, with very few exceptions, been granted—provided the requirements stated on the 24th ultimo, as to wearing apparel, &c., are complied with.

As all the applicants—excepting those advised to the contrary—are permitted to leave, the publication of a list of the names is unnecessary.

Steamboat transportation and subsistence will be provided from the City of Washington to City Point, Virginia, James River, the day of departure, Wednesday, January 7, next, and it is desirable that all applicants reach this city at least one day previous to the day of leaving.

The steamer will stop at Fort Monroe and applicants from Norfolk and vicinity will be received on board, at that place, by complying with the requirements.

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FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Failure of the Rebel Stuart's Last Raid.

Our Forces Ready for Him at All Points.

He is Repulsed at Dumfries, Occoquan and Fairfax Court-House.

Our Cavalry in Pursuit of Him Through Vienna.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 29.

The rebel Gen. STUART, with a force of from 2,000 to 4,000 cavalry and two pieces of artillery, made an attempt last (Sunday) night to capture the depot of stores at Fairfax Station, but without success. He took the precaution to visit Burke's Station first, where there were no troops, seized the telegraph operator, and by dispatches passing over the wires ascertained that his approach had been announced, and provision made to receive him. He then crossed to Alexandria Pike, and drove the pickets into Fairfax Court-house, when Gen. STUART opened fire upon him with two companies of the Fifteenth Vermont, concealed in a piece of woods.

The rebels then retreated, and were hastened in their movement by another volley of musketry and a few shells thrown from a battery planted there for this special purpose.

None of the Union soldiers were killed. The loss of the rebels is not positively known, but it is supposed that several were killed. Two horses were killed, and two rebels were taken prisoners.

The last heard of STUART was at 12 o'clock on Sunday night, when he passed through Vienna, closely pursued by WYNNHAM'S Cavalry Brigade.

THE FAILURE OF THE RAID.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 29.

The following is the *Star*'s version of the last rebel raid:

A rebel force of cavalry, with a battery of artillery, suddenly appeared, at 8 A. M., on Saturday, in front of Dumfries, then held by the Fifth, Seventh and Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteers, with a section of two pieces of McGUIRE'S Battery. The rebels were at first estimated at four thousand strong. They cut the wires leading to Falmouth, attacked our troops, who had three men killed, and were driven off. In the meanwhile information reached these headquarters by telegraph, before they succeeded in cutting the wires leading in this direction. Troops from this quarter were instantly put in motion to, if possible, cut off their retreat. To that end, Gen. GRAY marched from Wolf Run immediately, to the relief of the troops engaged at Dumfries.

After being worsted, before GRAY'S arrival, they pushed their way to Occoquan. There they had a slight engagement with 1,500 troops, stationed there under Col. CANNY, resulting in inconclusive loss on either side, our troops maintaining their position.

They next decamped up Bull Run, crossing it at Wolf Run. Thence they went to Annandale, vid Burke's Station, where they camped Saturday night, thus avoiding points where we had troops stationed. At daybreak yesterday morning they were again in the saddle, making for the vicinity of Vienna.

In the meantime our troops at Fairfax Court-house did their best to head them off in that direction, but being infantry, could not get up in time to do so. They were last seen in the vicinity of Lewisburg, where their number was estimated at but 1,000 cavalry and four pieces of artillery, at nightfall, yesterday, when they were under whip and spur, evidently bent on escaping in the direction of Leesburg. They certainly got nothing for their pains but seven empty wagons belonging to Col. KELLOGG'S Cavalry command.

Throughout the line of their raid they had occasional skirmishes with Col. KELLOGG'S Cavalry, who, though forced to fall back, exchanged many shots with them, with no damage to his command that we have been able to hear of. His heaviest skirmish with them was at Accotink. At one time they had possession of one of our guns at Dumfries, but were forced to abandon it to us again in their retreat.

Latest.—We have just received reliable information that the rebels were badly repulsed on Saturday at Dumfries. On their retreat they fell in with our troops under Gen. GRAY, between Dumfries and Wolf Run, and were driven by their south of the road. They aimed to take the direct road to the Shoals.

They took the telegraph operator at Burke's Station and his instrument, and burned the Orange and Alexandria R. R. bridge at Accotink, an inconceivable structure. Besides the fifteen empty wagons of Col. KELLOGG'S command that fell into their hands, they took eight or ten sutlers' wagons, which they came across the drivers in nearly all cases having succeeded in escaping by cutting the traces, mounding their teams and flying before them. They seized all the citizens along their path whom they thought might give prompt information of the proceedings. They passed through Vienna at about 12 o'clock last night, their rear guard passing there about 3 A. M. They had five guns and about 25 wagons and ambulances, nearly all of which they had doubtless picked up. They went from there to Hunt's Mills, and then struck over toward the Old Road at Frying Pan.

Including the citizens they caught, they were carrying off about 40 prisoners in all.

EXCITEMENT AT ALEXANDRIA.

MOVEMENTS OF STUART'S REBEL CAVALRY.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Dec. 29.

There was great excitement in Alexandria, late yesterday evening, growing out of the hurried arrival there of our cavalrymen and teamsters, the latter being mounted on horses cut from their own wagons.

They represented that STUART'S rebel cavalry, with some light artillery, appeared at Paluck Church, several miles from Mount Vernon, on Saturday night, and on Sunday proceeded to Accotink, which is only twelve miles from Alexandria, and then attacked two or three companies of our troops, and that they captured a wagon train at Occoquan on Saturday.

There is difficulty in arriving at the precise truth, owing to the conflicting rumors in circulation here, and in the matter. But that a rebel reconnaissance force appeared in that neighborhood is beyond question, and that the net of strategy which alarm is equally certain.

Undoubtedly we have received official telegrams from Dumfries, saying that a rebel force of from 2,000 to 4,000 men, with two pieces of artillery, had been repulsed at Fairfax Station, and that they were pursuing him through Vienna.

Next to the activity of our troops and the winning of the battle, it would seem that the most effective

moinsance, driving in our cavalry pickets, and killing four or five of them. The rebels fearing capture by our troops, which, at one time, was probable, left for Occoquan and Accotink, where they made their alarming demonstration.

One allowance, it is claimed, must be made for the statements of frightened teamsters and others, as all such accounts are unavoidably exaggerated.

IMPORTANT FROM THE PENINSULA.

Rumored Advance of a Rebel Force Against Gloucester Court-House.

Philadelphia, Monday, Dec. 29.

The *Press* has interesting news from the Peninsula, under date of Fort Monroe, Monday. Gen. NALES had received information from contrabands, which was considered reliable, that a body of 7,000 rebels, under Gen. TRIMBLE, who had been detached from the army at Fredericksburg, to assist Gov.

FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES.

Indications of a Change in French Policy—Purpose of the Emperor to Interfere in our Affairs—Language of the Ministerial Press and Enforced Silence of the Liberal Journals.

From Our Own Correspondent.
PARIS, Friday, Dec. 12, 1892.

It really seems as if the French Government were seeking to place itself in a position of hostility to the Government of the United States. There is neither logic nor reason in such a line of policy on the part of the French Government; but both logic and reason must bow before facts. We know that the surroundings of the head of the Government, and the people of the Ministries, are against us, and would gladly see our power annihilated; but these people are mostly the descendants of a nobility in decadence, who oppose a republic on an abstract principle, and who, besides having a debt of vengeance to cancel against the name, believe, no doubt honestly, that a successful republic is an impossibility. How far the head of the Government may share in these opinions, we do not know; we only know that the French people universally believe that His Majesty has fallen frankly into this current of ideas, and that from a friend of the Union he has gradually become an enemy. This change they attribute to a variety of causes, the most important of which are, the liens which now naturally attach the people of the United States to the Orleans family, and the growing popularity of that family; the standing menace which a successful republic offers to the vitality of the principle on which his dynasty reposes; the conviction that the separation of the Union is final; and, lastly, that he is intriguing with the agents of the Southern Confederacy for commercial and political advantages of the highest importance for France.

This seems to be the general opinion of the French people in regard to their Government. What are the facts in support of this theory? What new indications have we that the French Government has fallen into a line of policy opposed to the interests of the Union?

The attempt of France to drag England and Russia into an affair of mediation was, in view of the time and the terms in which it was made, if not an act of hostility, at least not an act of friendship, notwithstanding the protestations of friendly sentiments which accompanied it.

Since the refusal of Russia and England to enter this negotiation, the French Government, in face of the fact pointed out by Russia and England that such an offer would only irritate the American people and operate contrary to the objects aimed at, has constantly been urging the necessity of a mediation through the columns of its official and semi-official journals.

But what is more important and more significant still, the *Moniteur* of yesterday morning gives a very strong indication that the French Government is going to make the offer of an armistice alone. The following words occur in the Bulletin of the official paper:

"The Chamber of Commerce of Elbeuf has addressed to the Minister of Commerce and Public Works a letter, dated the 24th of November, in which, after showing the advantages which would have been secured by the mediation in the United States proposed by the Government of the Emperor, and the sentiments of humanity which dictated that offer, the Chamber prays His Excellency, M. Rouvier, to convey to the Emperor his gratitude. The Chamber of Commerce, confident in the perseverance of the Government of the Emperor, expresses the hope that this offer, so suitably conceived, will not be abandoned. The Chamber of St. Quentin has adopted a resolution conceived in the same sense."

Now, Chambers of Commerce are generally intelligent, and always conservative bodies, and it is not probable that these Chambers would have voluntarily placed themselves on record in the columns of the *Moniteur* in the language here quoted. To all those acquainted with the physiognomy of the *Moniteur*, this announcement in the form published bears a suspicious look, and we should not be surprised to find it the preliminary parade to a renewed offer of mediation.

But this is not all. The official and semi-official papers, and especially the official paper, seem to have organized a campaign against Gen. Butler—in other words, they have combined to make out a case against him. I may go further, and state it as a fact, as the following circumstance will show. A few weeks ago, at the time when the news arrived that Gen. Butler was compelling all citizens to take an oath either for or against the Government of the United States, one of the liberal papers took up more warmly than the rest the defence of Gen. Butler, and the result was that the editorial bureau was visited by one of the agents of the Minister of the Interior, who informed the political director of the journal that his policy on the American question was anti-French, and that it was in the interest of the French Government to depreciate Gen. Butler in the public esteem. That very day, a lengthy article, explaining the difficulties of Gen. Butler's position at New Orleans, and defending his conduct, was published from the columns of the paper in question; but a proof-sheet of the article was obtained by an American gentleman, who sent it, with an explanatory note, to Gen. Butler.

These same recommendations in regard to Gen. Butler were made in the offices of other journals, and the thing is now so well understood in the Press, that no voice is any longer heard on the side of the General. I thought to add that the same agent of the Government who gives instructions to the Press in regard to affairs in Louisiana, never fails to add a word about Mexico, on which subject, also, the Ministry does not hesitate to say the course of the liberal journals is opposed to French interests, and needs to be modified—in other words, their steps, in order to be patriotic and in the right line, should be shaped after those of the *Moniteur*.

The result is that the liberal Press not only modifies its tone, as ordered, but remains as silent as possible on Louisiana and Mexican affairs as possible. Not so, however, the official and semi-official Press; and here, where the Ministerial orders are obeyed with alacrity, we can see exactly what the Government desires. Thus, for example, the *Moniteur* contained yesterday morning a letter purporting to come from New Orleans, which said to the reader in a disguised form, "See what a deplorable condition of things unless we intervene." This letter declared that 40,000 negroes had already been liberated, and were beyond the control of the National authorities; that Gen. WITZEL was traveling through a rich district, with the object of liberating negroes and seizing sugar; that 200,000 other negroes would be liberated by him, and that the condition of the foreign population at New Orleans, 40,000 in number, was one of constant fear. Indeed, outrages upon French citizens had already been committed by these freed negroes,

and the probability was that the negroes would soon have complete control over unhappy Louisiana.

The *Constitutionnel* of yesterday also contained a letter purporting to be written at New Orleans, but which bore positive evidence of having been written at Paris, which was nothing else than a long argument to show the necessity of a French intervention in Louisiana. Like the letter of the official paper, it laid great emphasis on the sinister and gloomy crisis which seemed to be coming on the State, and which the Federal Government appeared to be either unwilling or unable to avert.

Now all these indications are taken by the French people as proof positive that their Government is hostile to the Union, and either desires the success of the rebellion, or else intends to interfere directly in American affairs. The *Independence Belge*, for example, expresses surprise that the American Minister at Paris did not protest against the manner in which the *Moniteur* spoke of the joy of the citizens of New Orleans when the French fleet of protection arrived there.

Whatever may be the intentions of the French Government toward us, it is important that these indications should be put before the American public, in order that they may be forewarned against any surprise—making at the same time the reserve that it still seems illogical and impossible that the French Government could seriously contemplate putting itself into a position of hostility to the United States.

If we look back at the history of these demonstrations of apparent hostility to the cause of the Union, we find that the first thought of offering an armistice was engendered by the first Democratic meeting in New York which resolved upon the reorganization of that party, and the offering of an opposition to the measures of the National Government. We find further, that these demonstrations on the part of France have grown *pari passu* with the successes of the Democratic Party in the States, and that these divisions and bickering in the North have now arrived at such a state that France believes she can act about as she pleases on the American continent. Thus the world is offered the pitiable spectacle of a proud people torn and divided by local quarrels, while foreign nations are not only insulting them, but adding injury to insult by interfering in their affairs.

The number of your paper which contained the important correspondence on Mexican affairs was not interrupted at the French frontier. Several late numbers of the *Herald*, however, have been stopped off account of its statements on Mexican affairs.

I must take this place to acknowledge the receipt from an anonymous correspondent at New York, of a lot of valuable documents on the Mexican question, addressed to the Prince Napoleon and M. Jules Favre, and to assure him that they have been safely delivered to their proper addressees. These documents may, in fact, prove highly valuable to these two distinguished speakers in the coming debates in the Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

MALAKOFF.

FROM HAVANA.

Nine Steamers to be Sent from Spain for Cuba, to Prevent the Slave Trade, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Sunday, Dec. 26, 1892.
It appears that the Government at Madrid are about to send out to this island nine steamers (schooners), as soon as possible, intended expressly for an active vigilance along the coast, with strict orders to their commanding officers to carry out with decision the intentions of the Government. What those intentions are, it would not require a prophet to determine; they can only refer to the slave traffic, which has taken gigantic proportions during the late administration of the island. The present Captain-General has set his face entirely against it, and already one or two of the principal speculators in this inhuman but lucrative business, have been spoken to upon the subject.

Gen. Duce has begun the work of reform by an order of great importance for the future welfare of the island, I mean the formation of public schools of a superior kind, where a useful education will be afforded gratuitously. It is ordered that there be established in each town of each district a college of superior instruction, to be supported at the expense of the Corporation, the number of them to correspond to the number of Capitales of Districts, one for each Capital, with the exception of Havana, where three colleges are to be established. The staff of instruction to consist of a Director and as many assistants as each Corporation may think necessary for its college. The following are the branches ordered to be taught: Religion, reading, grammar, arithmetic, geography, cosmography, history, particularly that of Spain and the Island of Cuba, sacred history, writing, linear drawing and book-keeping.

The new Captain-General, since his arrival, has been indefatigable, and evidently shows that he is a real working-man, what Secretary Stanton would call a "live man." He sees to everything, and his activity has occasioned no small flutter among the host of lazy officials who crowd the public offices. Several changes have taken place, and some have resigned of their own accord rather than await a dismissal. Whether the new Captain-General will be a favorite with the *beau monde* of Havana, it would be impossible as yet to say, his sojourn having been as yet so short a duration, but if not so much of a courtier as SARRACEN, he makes up for this, with the fashionable deficiency, by a greater zeal in the discharge of his duties, and a determination to make others work also. As an instance of his wish to know all by his own eyes, I have been told by parties that he has been seen of an evening walking about the city, simply dressed, and only attended by two aides-de-camp. He is also brushing up the army, and all of the military, from the General down to the drummer-boy, are now on their best behavior.

LARA.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Fortress Monroe, Sunday, Dec. 26.
This morning a fire occurred in Portsmouth, destroying five dwellings, situated on Crawford-street. Particulars not received.

Last night four constabulary were brought to Fortress Monroe, implicated in the killing of a white man at Newport News, whose name is unknown. Two rebel prisoners, arrested for having firearms upon them after being recently paroled, were also brought in.

From San Francisco.

San Francisco, Monday, Dec. 26.
Sailed, ship *John Tucker*, Calcutta.
Trade is dull. Sales 300 bbls. Alcohol, at 70¢; 67¢; 200 bbls. Whisky, 40¢; 42¢; Pure Spirits, 35¢; Candles, 18¢. Hard Coal, \$18. Crushed Sugar, 14¢.
The Agent of the Mail Steamship Company refuses to deliver freights received per *Constitution* until the consignees' bonds incommence them against loss in case *Saxxas* should recover the bonds exacted from the *Arctur*.
The steamer *Oregon* sailed on Saturday for Guaymas, with 100 passengers and a quantity of machinery for the Mexican Silver Mines.

The Missouri Legislature.

JACKSON, Mo., Monday, Dec. 26.
The Legislature met today. L. C. MARVIN, Radical Emancipationist, was elected Speaker of the House by 24 majority. G. B. PRATT, Emancipationist, was elected Secretary of the Senate. Mr. RICHARDSON, in the Senate, introduced a resolution declaring that all Emancipationists are favorable to compensated emancipation, as enunciated by the President, which was unanimously adopted.

Ex-Gov. Hicks Maryland. Senator from Maryland.

Baltimore, Monday, Dec. 26.
The Governor of Maryland to-day commissioned Hon. THOMAS H. HICKS as Senator, to represent the State of Maryland in the United States Senate, until the next meeting of the Legislature, in place of Hon. JAMES A. PRASAD, deceased.

A New Blockade Runner at St. Johns.
St. Johns, N. F., Monday, Dec. 26.
The screw steamer *Princess Royal* arrived here on the 26th, thirteen days from London. She is about 400 tons register, and has a cargo of 800 tons. She took in here 200 tons of coal and a few tons of codfish. She sails to-morrow, it is alleged for Halifax. She is a splendid vessel and well adapted for running the blockade.

Gen. Blunt, who is handling the rebels in Arkansas so roughly, was born in Trenton, Maine, and twenty-four years ago was working for his board and attending school in Ellsworth.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We learn from the Army of the Potomac that all was quiet on the Rappahannock yesterday. We do not hear anything further of STANTON and his rebel raiders.

Gen. CURTIS has given official notice to the War Department of the achievement of Gens. BLUNT and HERRON, with a portion of the Army of the Frontier, in marching from Fayetteville across the Boston Mountains and capturing Van Buren, on the Arkansas River. They moved over the mountains on Saturday, and marched to the river without halting, the cavalry in advance. The enemy was driven across the river—some of them being killed and wounded—and three steamboats, some camp equipments and a hundred prisoners were captured. The march of forty-five miles, with arms and service, over the mountains and through the deep mud of the valley, Gen. CURTIS characterizes as a most gallant and arduous affair.

A Nashville correspondent of the Chicago Tribune makes a very important statement in connection with the present condition of affairs in the vicinity of Nashville. He states that Gen. ROSKENS' entire army has, for some time past, been subsisted on forage gathered in the neighborhood of the city, and that not an ounce of the rations transported thither by rail from Louisville has yet been touched. The supplies in the country around Nashville are by no means yet exhausted.

Over 100 tons of ammunition was shipped from Columbus, Ky., on Wednesday, Dec. 24, to the Army of the Mississippi.

A dispatch from Memphis, dated Dec. 24, states that in consequence of the disturbances in the vicinity of that city the elections for Congressmen in the neighboring districts had been postponed for twenty days.

After the arrival of Gen. BANKS at New-Orleans, the question of the future movements of the expedition was discussed among the general officers in his presence, when he is said to have remarked: "Gentlemen, we shall never return as we came, (pointing down the Mississippi,) and we are not going to TEXAS."

GENERAL NEWS.

The Board of Aldermen met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and immediately took a recess for fifteen minutes, the object of which was a myth to all but the members. On reassembling, the veto message of the Mayor on the resolution appointing 162 Commissioners of Deeds, overruled by the Councilmen the day previous, was called up for action. Mr. BOULE thought the objections of the Mayor were inconsistent, because this legal difficulty respecting the excess of appointments by limiting the number of new appointments. The most feasible plan of adjustment—and the one which the Common Council would strive to have carried out—was to have a law passed legalizing the acts of all the appointees. Such a law would set at rest all questions of doubt concerning the acts of Commissioners of Deeds in the City, since their number has exceeded 300. This Board concurred in overruling the veto. No further business of importance was transacted. Adjourned till 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The Board of Councilmen met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The approval of the nomination of C. W. RIDLEY for Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, for the Harlem District, was concurred in; also the resolutions of regret at the death of Adjt. CHARLES LATT, of the Fifty-second Regiment New-York State Volunteers, who was killed at Fredericksburg. The Board adjourned till 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The Board of Supervisors met at 3 o'clock P. M. yesterday. A communication was read from the District Attorney, stating that a vacancy substantially exists in the office of Interpreter to the Court of General Sessions, by reason of the involuntary absence of Mr. KERSHAW, the present incumbent, and asking that his place be declared vacant and a successor appointed. (Mr. K. is supposed to be in Port Lafayette on a charge of defrauding the Government.) The communication was referred for an investigation of the whole subject. The Mayor sent in another batch of nominations for Marshals, and the responsibility rested as much upon the Board as it did upon the Mayor. He advised and consented to the removal of the force by law placing the matter in that light. It is said that the Supervisors have demanded that the Marshals be removed, and that the Mayor is to be held responsible for the removal of the Marshals. The Board adjourned till 4 o'clock this evening.

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The receipts of cotton for the past few days in Cincinnati have been unusually large, amounting in all to 1,963 bales. Of this amount, 1,143 bales came from Memphis, 79 from Louisville, 536 from Cairo, and 385 from St. Louis.

At Chambers of the Supreme Court, yesterday, Justice BARNARD decided to hear the motions to open the default, and set aside the judgment taken in the cases brought against FRANKLIN WOOD, to recover for injuries alleged to have been received during the riots of 1857. The motions were accordingly argued, and decision was reserved.

The Stock Market was again very active yesterday. An extraordinary business, in amount, was done in the Railway Stocks. Gold 133 per cent.; Exchange 146 per cent.

Breadstuffs were in fair request yesterday. Flour and Wheat advanced slightly; Corn was heavy. Hog products were in good demand, as were also Sugar, Hay, Hops, East India Rice, Candles, Cotton, Fish, Hemp, Hides, Leather, Metals, Oil, Salt, Seeds, Spices, Coffee, Tallow, Teas, Wool, Whalebone, and Naval Stores were inactive. Whisky was salable and steady. Very light freight engagements were reported.

The Live Stock Markets are again crowded. The enormous supply of Hogs, added to fair receipts of other animals, makes the largest total (71,443) of live stock ever received in this City during a single week. Coming at a time when poultry and game are abundant, and the dead meat markets are packed with dressed carcasses of all kinds, with warm, muggy weather besides, it is not surprising that they sold slowly, and that large numbers are left over. Beveal number 4,008 for the week, of which 4,444 were on sale at Forty-fourth-street. Prime cattle went off pretty well Monday morning, but the poorer kinds sold slowly at first, and the market grew worse till its close Tuesday night. Some extra fat steers, brought in for holiday beef, were sold at 11¢ lb., net weight. They were choice and marketed by D. ALKRON, of Broome County, N. Y. Common Western and State cattle brought 7¢@7½¢, and a good many of the rough scallaws, of which there were far too many, had to be sold at 5¢ and under. The decline on ordinary and poor stock was ¼¢. A few remnants were left unsold. Sheep are scarce, and 25¢@37¢. ½ head higher. Receipts, 4,957, which is the smallest number since May, 1861. Good Sheep can now be weighed out at 4¢@6¢. ½ lb.; extra Sheep, 6¢@7¢. Live Hogs best former weeks of plenty. Receipts, 61,165, which is more than ever previously reported. The yards are crowded to excess, and still they come. Prices have fallen off ¼¢; nothing selling over 4½¢@4¼¢.

The Finished Year.

We present, this morning, a complete diary of the important events of the war during 1862. It is a varied view of light and shade. Yet, as a whole, it can be regarded only with satisfaction, and may be dwelt upon profitably. We are apt to give undue consequence to the immediate present. Our fears and hopes are too much regulated by the morning's news, which, in the very nature of war, may be favorable or unfavorable, just as, in the very nature of the winds and waves, your last cast of the log may show progress, or the contrary. That last cast, if you are sensible, you count but as a single item. You don't generalize about it at all. To do that, you go to the log-book itself. You found your expectation of reaching your proposed point upon the general story the log-book tells—its make-up in the long run. The chronological table is our log-book; and it is to that alone we should recur when we try to calculate the final result.

It is difficult, in the shadow of the late reverse, to realize adequately the change which the twelvemonth has wrought in our favor. In every material particular we are vastly better off than we were a year ago. We cherished hopes then, but we are immeasurably better entitled to do so now. A glance will show this.

Militarily, how stands it? A year ago we had not won on land a single battle of any account. Hatteras and Hilton Head, for which we were indebted to our navy alone, were all that relieved a dismal catalogue of disasters. It was not until the 19th of January that we gained the first earnest of future success, in the battle of Mill Springs. Since then the preponderance of victories on our side has been most marked. One need but to examine our diary methodically to be struck with this. regard for a moment the principal engagements. In the Winter, Mill Springs, Fort Henry, Fort Donelson and Roanoke Island, all in our favor. In the Spring, New-Madrid, Pea Ridge, Newbern, Winchester, Santa Fe, Island No. Ten, Pittsburgh Landing, Fort Pulaski, Monitor and Merrimac, Fort Wright, Fort Macon, Forts Jackson and St. Philip, Bridgeport, Williamsburgh, West Point and Haver Court-house, all successes, without an exception; the rebels having nothing to offset them but Front Royal, and the other fights when, with overwhelming force, they pursued BANKS up the Shenandoah. In the Summer, Fair Oaks, Memphis, Baton Rouge and Cross Keys, all to our advantage. In the "sevendays" battles before Richmond, consequent upon the transfer of our base from the Pamunkey to the James River, beginning with Gaines' Mills and ending with Malvern Hill, according to Gen. McCLELLAN, we "whipped the enemy every time." The battle of Cedar Mountain resulted in the enemy falling back, though in many respects they had won the advantage; while the battle of Groveton and the second battle of Bull Run, on the other hand, resulted in our falling back, though in many respects we had gained the advantage. The only positive victories of importance won by the rebels during this season, was that of James Island, near Charleston, and the repulse of our gunboats at Vicksburg. In the Autumn our important victories were at South Mountain, Antietam, Plymouth, Iuka, Corinth, Hatchee River, Perryville, Chaplin Creek, second battle of Pea Ridge, and Cane Hill; while our only reverses were Harper's Ferry, which was the consequence of treachery, Mumfordsville and Hartsville. In the present month of December we have had the victory of Prairie Grove, and those attending Gen. FOSTER's expedition to Goldsboro, and have suffered no discomfort but the signal one at Fredericksburg. This survey of the chief battles of the year, though general, is, we are sure, substantially correct. The balance is greatly in our favor.

Geographically, how is it? In Virginia, when the year dawned upon us, we were shut in upon the Western mountains, and in the narrow fringe of Arlington Heights over the Potomac, upon the two peninsulas east of the Chesapeake, and upon a narrow strip of the range of North Mountain

and Newport's News. Even the broad Potomac was blockaded by rebel batteries. Now we have the virtual command of at least half of the State. Then the only points we held in the Atlantic States South were Key West, Port Royal, and the quicksands of Hatteras. Now we have the command of a quarter of North Carolina, and, save Wilmington and Charleston, possess the entire Atlantic coast of the Southern State. In the valley of the Mississippi, the rebels then commanded half of Missouri and two-thirds of Kentucky, and every foot of soil south to the Gulf. Now, all of Missouri, all of Kentucky, the greater part of Tennessee, half of Arkansas, the greater part of Louisiana, and large portions of Mississippi, are within our control. In the Territories of New-Mexico and Arizona the rebel flag, which was then defiant, has ceased to float altogether. The National army lines have been extended within the year over nearly a half of the territory then claimed by the Confederacy, and what is of great significance—it has uniformly proved that ground once lost to the rebels is permanently lost. They have again and again made desperate efforts to repossess some of the important positions taken from them; but in not a single instance with any lasting success. Their limits have been constantly growing less, and that, too, irreparably.

In our foreign relations, the year has brought, also, a decided improvement. England has committed herself more decidedly than ever to the policy of non-intervention; and, without the cooperation of that Power, there can possibly be no intervention that we need fear. The more advanced position of the National Government against Slavery has made our cause stronger with the European masses, while the extraordinary increase of our naval strength has impressed their rulers with a new and wholesome fear. The want of cotton has made itself felt with more direful effect, and yet we are safer to-day than ever from foreign interference. The year, it is true, has subjected us to some unjust treatment from abroad; but, we have a right to congratulate ourselves that we have escaped all serious complications.

Thus we stand at the close of the year, so far as regards progress actually made. If reference be had to our preparations for the future, the view is still more encouraging. When the year opened we had not a solitary iron-clad. The Monitor was not launched until the middle of February. Now we have not less than forty-four invulnerable vessels—a larger and more formidable fleet of this class than all Europe combined—while our other vessels in the service have been increased more than threefold, so that they now amount to nearly five hundred. The army has more than doubled in effective numbers; in discipline and every soldierly quality it has improved to even greater ratio. What is of higher consequence still, every department is under far more energetic direction than it was twelve months ago. Then procrastination was the ruling spirit. Now unrelaxing activity is the universal order of the day.

We make no predictions as to what 1863 will accomplish. But this much is certain: 1862 has secured gains and advantages which, by every natural law, ought to insure the complete suppression of the rebellion within the next twelvemonth. It will depend entirely upon the fidelity of the North whether this end is realized.

The Banks Expedition, and the Occupation of Texas.

It is now rendered certain that one of the great objects of the Banks Expedition is the occupation of Texas. Col. HAMILTON has gone out with all the powers of military government, and it is understood, will take immediate measures toward restoring the State to the old flag. It is not believed that this will require a very serious military struggle. Twenty thousand men, aided by the Unionists who will rally at the call of their old leaders, will probably be quite enough to seize and hold all the principal points. In fact, no State can be detached so easily from the Confederacy as Texas. Its white population—450,000 by the last census—is less numerous than that of almost any other Confederate State; and of this population a much larger proportion is loyal than elsewhere. It has but few troops within its borders, its fighting men having been nearly all incorporated with the Confederate armies east of the Mississippi. So soon as the Mississippi is opened—which is the first thing in order, and will be quickly accomplished—all accessions, either of soldiers or of munitions of war from the Confederacy, could easily be prevented by a few gunboats plying up and down the river. Thus Texas, once gained, can be held with little difficulty.

It will be a most important acquisition—in real value, probably, second to none but Richmond itself. The State embraces more than a third of the present territory of the Confederacy; and its loss, in itself, will be a great discouragement to the rebellion. But more than that, it is notorious that the primary object of secession was the extension of Slavery into the great Southwestern regions of the continent. The favorite dream was the formation of a great slaveholding empire, which should eventually rule down to the Isthmus. The most effectual way of dispelling that delusion is to interpose the strong arm of the United States between the Confederacy and its expected spoil. The occupation of Texas will be a substantial demonstration that the extension of Slavery, by means of the Confederacy, is a physical impossibility. Our very first effort, in the first stage of the war, after securing the safety of Washington, ought to have been to turn in the Confederacy on the only side where it could have hoped for future growth.

There is another consideration, too, which comes within the scope of wise statesmanship. It is well always, while hoping for the best, to be prepared for the worst;—and assuming, therefore, in this case, that the Con-

federate States may possibly secure their independence, the possession of Texas would be for us an incalculable advantage. The boundary limits of the Confederacy would, doubtless, be settled by the extent of territory in its practical possession. If Texas were in our hands it would remain there. This would enable us to be independent of all the rest of the world. Otherwise, we never could be. Texas, by the best authorities, is capable of producing six millions of bales of cotton, which is two millions more than the ordinary crop of the entire United States. It has seven millions of acres also, favorable to the growth of the sugar-cane, and capable of yielding three times as much sugar as is now consumed in the entire United States. Surely a wise statesmanship, however resolved to crush the rebellion in its whole breadth, would yet take good care that, in any event, these two immense staples should be secured to the nation. The occupation of Texas would insure this.

A step further would bring another advantage, of quite equal importance. Gunboats on the Arkansas and White Rivers may, with the assistance of a small land force, take possession of the main part of Arkansas, including Little Rock, its Capital. By similar means, on the Red River, all that part of Louisiana west of the Mississippi may be easily reduced to our authority. Thus, the rebels would be left with absolutely nothing west of the Mississippi. Retaining these in our possession, there will be no longer any danger that the control of the Lower Mississippi would ever pass out of our hands. There are, therefore, abundant motives for the effort to restore Texas to the National flag. It will not be a difficult task, and every consideration, whether present or future, whether certain or contingent, urges its speedy accomplishment.

BLUNT AND HERRON ON THE WAR PATH.

The most industrious workers of the Union army by all odds, at the present time, seem to be Gens. HERRON and BLUNT, of the Army of the Frontier. After their brilliant, overwhelming and most remarkable victory over Gen. HINDMAN's rebel forces at Prairie Grove, they did not stop in their career and rush to Washington, nor even to St. Louis, to sun their laurels and receive the plaudits of idle and gaping crowds on the street corners. They did not, so far as we have seen, even instigate the ready scribers that follow most of the Union camps to write magniloquent puffs of their military genius for the papers, and suggest to the thoughtless and inappreciative Government the fitness of making each of the Western heroes a Major-General on the spot, and assigning him to an army corps or a Department. They did nothing of the sort. On the contrary, being plain, blunt men, and decidedly earnest in their rough work of whipping rebels, they paused at Prairie Grove only long enough to bury their dead enemies and their own hapless killed, and ascertain which way the redoubtable HINDMAN had fled. Being satisfied on the latter point, this excellent pair of Union leaders chose a picked corps of cavalry and artillery, and resolved to feel the enemy's position by a rapid reconnaissance in force south across the Boston Mountains, and toward the Arkansas River. The telegraph has told the rest of the story. This picked force, about 6,000 strong, "flying light," in fighting trim, with six days' rations in their haversacks, made a forced march of 45 miles over mountains and roads of incredible difficulty, pausing not, and meeting no rebel obstruction till they pushed right into the town of Van Buren, on the Arkansas River, the chief Western city in the State of Arkansas. The rebels were taken utterly by surprise, and fled across the river in haste, using three steamboats in effecting their escape. But with all their celerity they lost valuable stores and property, and the very boats that saved them so handsomely at the last moment.

The occupation of Van Buren is of high importance. It is further South than any Western (frontier) army has yet advanced; and the movement being successful, it effects a permanent change in that distant theatre of war. Van Buren is the heart of the salubrious and fertile region of the Upper Arkansas River. It is situated about 125 miles above Little Rock, and flanks the capital. It is within a few miles of Fort Smith, the old and valuable military station that for so many years guarded the frontier for the United States. Southwest Missouri, it seems, is now relieved permanently from the presence of war, and the Valley of the Arkansas River must henceforth feel its shock and abide its horrors.

THE PROCLAMATION OF EMANCIPATION.—The following paragraph appears in the Washington correspondence of the Tribune:

"The President has been strongly pressed to place the Proclamation of Freedom upon high moral grounds, and to introduce into the instrument unequivocal language testifying to the negro's right to freedom upon the precise principles expounded by the Emancipationists of both Old and New-England. This claim is resisted, for the reasons that policy requires that the Proclamation be issued as a war measure, and not a measure of morality; and that Law and Justice require that the slaves should be enabled to plead the Proclamation hereafter if necessary to establish judicially their title to freedom. They can do this. The President says, on a proclamation proceeding as a war measure from the Commander-in-Chief of the Army, had not one issuing from the bosom of philanthropy."

The President in this exhibits his acuteness and sagacity and good sense. The ultra Abolitionists seem determined that nothing shall be done toward the extirpation of Slavery unless it is done in the way which they prescribe, and on the principles and sentiments which they proclaim. The President has no more right to proclaim the freedom of the slaves, either in whole or in part, "on high moral grounds" and "as a measure of morality," than he has to deliver the general abolition of all laws for the collection of debts. What ever he does in this direction must be done as a measure of military policy and in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the Army. President LINCOLN cannot be too cautious

and guarded in restricting his action on this subject, in form as well as in fact, to its military bearings. In our judgment, he would do well to give the document which he is expected to issue in January, as a supplement to his September proclamation, the form of a military order, addressed to the Generals in command within the designated limits of the States in rebellion, and enjoining them to deprive the rebels of the military aid, rendered directly or indirectly, by their slaves. Against the justice and constitutional validity of such an order nothing could be said; while its practical results would be precisely the same as those of a Proclamation addressed to the world at large.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—THE MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.—The World, of yesterday, publishes a long letter from S. T. WALLIS, Esq., one of the members of the Maryland Legislature who were arrested just on the eve of their meeting in extra session in September, 1861. It is addressed to Senator SHERMAN, of Ohio, and is intended to satisfy that gentleman of the injustice of a remark made by him in the Senate, to the effect that the President was justified in thus arresting the members of the Legislature "who were about to carry their State out of the Union." Mr. WALLIS, in a preliminary note, requests the publication of the letter because it had been "a week in Mr. SHERMAN'S hands without any notice, public or private." This is perhaps our fault rather than Mr. SHERMAN'S. But for the pressure of news upon our columns for the last few days, we should have given place both to the letter of Mr. WALLIS and to Mr. SHERMAN'S reply, a day or two since. The World has relieved us from the necessity of publishing the first, the other will be found in our columns this morning.

Mr. WALLIS devotes himself to proving that the Maryland Legislature did not intend to pass an ordinance of secession. He does this by citing from its documents declarations which received the assent of its members, that it had no power to pass such an ordinance,—that all it could do was to refer the matter to the people, and that even this it was not inclined to do under the circumstances which then existed. Hence, Mr. WALLIS wishes Mr. Sherman to infer the Maryland Legislature was a perfectly loyal body, and the arrest of its members a very great outrage upon law and personal rights.

Mr. SHERMAN replies to this letter with great fullness of detail and with equal cogency of argument. He proves, beyond all controversy, that while the Legislature may not have intended to pass a formal ordinance of secession, they did intend to pass laws ostensibly for the preservation of the State from violence, but really to enrol and arm her people against the United States. He specifies what was actually done toward this end, and the sanction that was expected for it from the Maryland Legislature. And he fastens, beyond all cavil, upon Mr. WALLIS and his associates, the purpose of aiding the rebellion through the action of the body of which they were members. The fact that this purpose was concealed, under other pretexts, too flimsy, however, to deceive the Government, does not in the least diminish its guilt, while it rendered doubly necessary the prompt interposition of the National authority.

Mr. WALLIS, Geo. P. KANE, and other Maryland Secessionists, who were imprisoned under the President's orders, have been unusually vociferous, since their release, in protestations of their innocence. We commend any who may have been impressed by these asseverations to Mr. SHERMAN'S exposure of their hollowness and hypocrisy.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.—Our State Legislature meets on Tuesday next. The Senate being the same as last year, has ten Republican and Union majority. The Assembly is generally understood to be equally divided—each party having 64. But this places in the Democratic column Mr. JOHN CUTLER, of Albany, though with what show of justice we do not perceive. Mr. CUTLER was originally a Whig, and then a Republican; he has never sided with the Democrats, not even when Mr. CORNING was running for Congress. He was nominated by both parties on the same day, and was elected without opposition. It is claimed, we are aware, that he is connected in some way with the Central Railroad Company; and that this fact secures his adhesion to the Democratic Party. We don't see the force of the argument, even if it were based on facts; but we believe that it is not, and that Mr. CUTLER has no connection whatever with the Central Railroad. We certainly see nothing in Mr. CUTLER'S position, and know of nothing in his character, which should prevent his acting now, as heretofore, upon his own convictions of political principle and duty. If this is so, the Republicans and Unionists will have 65, and the Democrats 63 members in the new Assembly.

Amusements.

ITALIAN OPERA.—It will be seen by an official announcement elsewhere, that the Academy of Music, under the direction of Mr. GLAZ, will open on Monday next. The season promises to be an unusually interesting one, both as regards artists and operas. Miss KALLIOU, who, it will be remembered, has been engaged for Her Majesty's Theatre, London, appears in a round of farewell performances, supported by the strong company under Mr. GLAZ'S work. Her repertoire will be in DOBINSKY'S "Polonia," which has not yet been rendered common by excessive repetition. Mr. GLAZ, indeed, in this and other operas, has made an unusually judicious selection of operas, avoiding with commendable prudence the dreary ones, and venturing with spirit on the production of novelties; thus we are to have "Il Poliglotta," "Martha," the "Sicilian Vespers," "Belshazzar," "Robert le Diable," "Dinorah" and "Gioanna d'Arco," the last by Verdi, and for the first time in New-York. Miss KALLIOU will sing several new songs.

ties to high flights of enthusiasm, and the announcement for to-night will undoubtedly secure a regular Philharmonic house. The seats are selling rapidly.

IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

The First Effect of Jeff. Davis' Proclamation.

Modification of the Arrangement for the Exchange of Prisoners.

Rebel Officers in Our Hands to be Retained.

Cabinet Consultation on the West Virginia Bill.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 30.

THE EFFECT OF JEFF. DAVIS' PROCLAMATION.

The fulfilment of JEFF. DAVIS' Proclamation has the first effect to derange the programme upon which the exchanges of prisoners have heretofore taken place. The orders and threats of the great outlaw are directly in violation of the cartel, and the first impulse of the Government was to terminate all proceedings under it. It had been merely agreed to make a general exchange, including soldiers, political prisoners, and outlaws, but until Davis shall satisfactorily explain his intentions, all commissioned officers in our hands will be retained, and only privates and non-commissioned officers given up. To this extent the exchange will continue to go on, and orders to that effect were today telegraphed to all points. Col. LUDLOW has arrived here on this business, and will at once proceed to Fortress Monroe.

THE ADMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA.

The Cabinet met to-day two hours earlier than usual, and was principally occupied in discussing the admission of West Virginia. In response to questions proposed by the President at a late meeting, and which we gave last night, each member had prepared a written opinion, which was to-day submitted. These opinions, though materially differing in regard to the probable results of the admission of the new State, were nearly unanimous in opposition to the dismemberment of the "Old Dominion," and the establishment on its ruins of two distinct Commonwealths, with two sets of Senators in Congress. The measure was opposed by several members, on the ground that it was a virtual acknowledgment of the legality of secession. It was argued that if Virginia was still a State in the Union, the division was illegal, and that an admission of the new State would concede the claim set up that the old State, by its secession, was absolved from its allegiance to the Union. Mr. BLAINE is understood to have opposed the admission on the ground that a division of the State would retard the development of its resources. He believes that the emancipation of the slaves would make the people of both sections homogeneous, and prevent a conflict of interest—while by the division the inhabitants of West Virginia would become isolated, and their condition made the worse. The President also signified his opposition to the measure, and will probably send in a veto on Monday. Judge USHER was present, acting for Secretary SUTHER, although the latter is believed not to have yet resigned. There is a general disposition to concede that Judge USHER will receive the appointment as Secretary, though the President is silent on the subject.

A RUMOR MORE THAN USUALLY SIGNIFICANT.

A rumor, originating in the War Department, has been in circulation here for a day or two, to the effect that Mr. STANTON intends to resign his Secretaryship about the 20th of January, in favor of Mr. WATSON, his present Chief Assistant.

Mr. STANTON is a lawyer, and Mr. WATSON was his partner; and it is believed that this rumor is put forth as a test of the public capacity of endurance, and as a means of determining whether it shall be practicable for Mr. STANTON to control the succession in favor of his present subordinate. The change proposed would effect but little alteration in the management of the Department, except that the war would then be managed by one patent lawyer, whereas it is now managed by two.

To anybody but very partial observers, it would seem to be clear that when a change is made in the War Department, the people will demand that some man of known capacity shall assume its management.

A SPEECH ON FINANCE.

Hon. Mr. GRANT, of Ohio, is preparing a speech for delivery in Congress, in which he intends to attack the financial policy of the Secretary of the Treasury in severe terms. Whether the animus of a political quarrel between the member and Secretary will in any way affect the arguments leveled at the policy of the latter, may appear when the speech shall be spoken.

COMMISSIONER DOLA.

Commissioner DOLA, of the Indian Bureau, left here yesterday on a brief visit to the North. He will return in a few days. The duties of his office in the meantime will be discharged by his chief clerk, Col. MIX.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARRINGTON returned on Monday morning from a short visit to Fortress Monroe, whither he went as a respite from the severe labors of his office.

REWARDS FOR DESERTERS FROM THE NAVY. Commodore HARWOOD, commanding the Potomac Flotilla, offers a reward of \$50 for the apprehension and delivery into custody of the commandant of the nearest Navy-yard of each of the following named persons, deserters from the navy's service of the United States: Acting Third Assistant Engineer HENRY BOGARD, and Acting Third Assistant Engineer Wm. GOSBARD, both of the United States steamer "Circus," Acting Master's Mate T. H. BROWN and Acting Master's Mate ARGENT'S FANWELL, of the Potomac Flotilla; JOSEPH H. CAMPBELL, captain of the hold, VICTOR PIERCE, seaman, and H. M. BAKER and JAMES MCCLELLAN, all of the "Circus."

NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS. There are between thirteen and fourteen thousand sick and wounded patients in the different hospitals here. Since the battle at Fredericksburg, about 2,500 have been sent to Northern hospitals.

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